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# Fury over Major's **Ulstersop**

Michael White and David Sharrock

OHN MAJOR enraged Northern Ireland's nationalists last night by side-stepping the main thrust of the on the deadlocked Anglo-Irish peace process in favour of Unionist calls for an elected all-party forum to take negoti-

None of the key players cat-egorically ruled out elections, but the Dublin government also reacted coolly to the Prime Minister's initiative, unveiled shortly after the commission finally admitted that paramilitary groups —
notably the IRA — "will not
decommission any arms prior
to all-party negotiations."
Instead the report by the
three-man team, headed by

former US senator, George Mitchell, offered detailed proposals for gradual decommissioning in parallel with the elusive talks between all the parties to reach a constitu-tional settlement. It would be underpinned by a six-point declaration of "total and absolute" commitment to democratic and exclusively peace ful means, plus total disarmament in the longer

Introducing his report at a Belfast press conference, Mr Mitchell said he had acted "without fear or favour" but admitted he had no magic formula to achieve a settlement. "We do believe it can contribute to the process by which that result can be achieved."

Although ministers saw his report as undermining pre-condition for some decommissioning before talks, some were relieved that Mr Mitchell did not condemn Britain's stance. Tony Blair and Paddy | with aspects of the report and

SECURITY guards policing the construction of the Newbury bypass are being encouraged to use vio-

ance Security, which runs the

operation, have been urging guards to attack the protest-

ers, who are living in trees along the proposed bypass's route. Applicants for security

guard jobs were not asked about any history of violence.

I worked as a Reliance guard for two days. The com-

pany's operations manager for the day told us on Tuesday

morning. "There's going to be no pratting about today. Any-

thing in the trees today you

"Anything hanging in a tree, f\*\*\* it off. Thwack it with your helmet. Anything. And

Yesterday Reliance refused

to give the surname of the

manager, known as Keith. Some men recruited for

Reliance by Blue Arrow Per-

sonnel, were given no secu-rity training, and their identi-

ties and references were not checked. This breaks British

Security Industry Association

guidelines. Others have been

working with no identifica-

tion numbers, and some were

whack, right?

don't get caught.

lence against protesters. Senior executives of Reli-

John Vidal

### 10 key points

M No guns to be handed over ahead of all-party talks.

■ Consider decommissioning once negotiations start.

Eventual total disarmament of all paramilitaries. ■ Complete destruction of all weapons to be monitored by an independent commission. Anybody involved should be free of any threat

 All groups to renounce End to all punishment

attacks.

People forced to leave Northern Ireland should be allowed to return. Relatives of missing victims feared murdered should be given information on whereabouts.

■ More action by British and Irish governments on prisoners. Review of emergency.

■ Elections to a new body could help to build trust between the communities. Ashdown offered support.

Mr Major's counter-move boldly ignored the six princimissioning option was doomed, the only other option capable of generating suffi-cient confidence on both sides was for them to seek an elec-

peaceful methods.

The main Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, swal-lowed his disappointment

'Hit Newbury protesters'

Austin

they had worked several

national insurance number but posing as a French car-

Enterprises.
Dissatisfaction is mounting

at the government-owned for-

ner RAF depot outside New

was the scene of a riot of

Using my own name and

anyone checking my identity
or work record, despite my
cess
presenting a favourable letter
references

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DOMAND

told the Commons that such an election could take place in April or May, although Whitehall sees that as optimistic. The Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley condemned Mr Major's

naneouvre. Sinn Fein reacted with stunned fury, accusing Mr Major of adopting an entirely Unionist agenda and of swapping one precondition to all-party talks for another. The SDLP leader, John Hume, angered Tory MPs by openly accusing the Government of trying to buy votes in this House to keep itself in

In Dublin, foreign minister Dick Spring, a known oppo-nent of any elected assembly which could repeat the Union ist-dominated errors of the past, was as generous as Mr Major in his praise of the Mitchell team's rapid work. But in contrast to Mr

Major, who put elections at the heart of his renewed ap-peal, Mr Spring spoke only of "a number of confidence-building measures" which would have to be on the

Irish prime minister John Bruton again in mid-February, Mr Hume still wants him ples — which most parties to call the Unionist bluff and quickly endorsed — and set a date for talks by then. stressed that, if the decom-

way. However, the prospect of meaningful political negotia-tion between Sinn Fein and toral mandate and discuss a put back well into the middle peace settlement in the new of the year may cause the republican leadership serious In the Commons Mr Major difficulties. Grassroots sup-again challenged the IRA to porters are already disenshow a real commitment to chanted with the lack of results brought by the 17-

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are complaining about "inhu-

man" conditions imposed by Reliance Security.
"People are woken at 4.30

after three hours' sleep, are being made to queue up to

sit down on a 12 hour day,

"This is worse than a prison. The food is terrible. It

is impossible to telephone out. The washing and toilet

conditions are disgusting. We sleep more than 200 people in

one dormitory and we feel we

working conditions.

the spot.



Harriet Harman leaves the Commons with Jack Straw and Clare Short after the Parliamentary Labour Party meeting

### Blair crushes backbench revolt over Harman

Patrick Wintour, Chief **Political Correspondent** 

"HE political career of the shadow health secretary. Harriet Harman, appeared to have been salvaged last night. But this was only after she gave a belated apol ogy to parliamentary colleagues, and the Labour leader Tony Blair had ex-pended considerable reserves of goodwill in an impassioned appeal to his party to pull

together.

In a speech to a packed meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, also addresse by Ms Harman, Mr Blair told disgruntled Labour MPs that the wake of a four-day furore over Ms Harman's decision to send her son Joe to a selective

hensive education.

Mr Blair told Labour MPs that he understood their hurt of this issue, "but the issue is no longer about Harriet and her child, but how we handle ourselves in this difficult period. The Tories are trying to turn the education of an 11year-old child into a party political football".

Mr Blair, backed throughout the week by the shadow education secretary, David

Blunkett, appeared to have saved Ms Harman, and his own authority, by reassuring Labour MPs: "There will be no change to Labour Party policy on selection, no going the was not going to yield up the scalp of any shadow cabinet member to Tory "bastards". He was speaking in mitment to comprehensive

apparently breaching the part will stop there. I'm not going has to solve the problems her 100 per cent, adding that ty's commitment to comprete to yield on this, I'm not going faced by providing good he kicked himself regularly to allow the Tories the pleasure of crucifying any mem-ber of the shadow cabinet.

That's the only issue". Ms Harman, sitting close to Mr Blair on the top table and speaking after three MPs — Clive Soley, Alice Mahon and Michael Martin — had told her to resign, gave a contrite

apology. She told MPs: "I deeply regret that any decision I have taken has given any succour to the Tories and any op-portunity for them to attack the Labour Party. I apologise to colleagues for the diversion. I understand the strength of feeling and deeply regret the distress that has been caused."

Stressing her opposition to selection, she added: "I would prefer the school to which my He went on: "The Tories I sent my children was not want a scalp as their prize. If selective. I was faced with a so they get it, don't think they difficult choice and each of us

schooling for our children in Turn to page 3, column 1 OUR OWN Way. She was surprisingly

helped by a speech from the left-winger Bernie Grant, who told the meeting he backed Moore, G2 page 5

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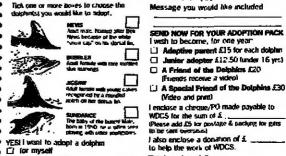
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#### four hours a day for lousy food in freezing conditions. and being given no breaks to said one guard, who asked not to be named. Many men are leaving the site in disgust at Forte planning

back top hotels SIR Rocco Forte last onight announced plans to buy back the hotel chains at the heart of the family company he lost to

are being abused by manage Granada just 24 hours ear-lier, writes lan King. complain we can be sacked on Sir Rocco, who wants the Reliance Security declined to comment last night, but a spokesman for Blue Arrow top-of-the-range Exclusive, Meridien and Heritage penter seeking temporary spokesman for Blue Arrow work I was employed without said that it was adopting a hotel chains, made the proposal during a "peace sum-mit" with Granada chief "full intensive screening pro-cess and checking executive Gerry Robinson. He is expected to offer £2 billion for the 155 hotels, presenting a favourable series signed by one Michael Howard, ostansibly director of CJA [Criminal Justice Act] "The fact that this road can only get built with 700 security guards a day, many with unsuitable training and some which include the Waldorf and the Grosvenor House. Sir Rocco is likely to have tending to violence, shows how desperate the govern-ment is to use bully-boy tac-tics to get the road built," said a fight on his hands as Granada has already received four "serious" approaches

from other major international hotel groups.

#### Prince says millenium plans £2bn bid to buy are a big missed chance would emulate the 1851 Great David Rowan

THE Prince of Wales makes an extraordinary attack today on the Government's plans to celebrate the millennium, which he says focus on the "merely material" and ignore a spiritual dimension that could build bridges across Britain's divided

Writing in the Guardian, Prince Charles warns that projects to mark the millennium — in particular the offi-cial Millennium Festival may miss "a massive opportu-nity to restore and renew

Stephen Dorrell, then Heritage Secretary, launched the year-long Millennium Festival in November 1994 as "a fitting way to mark the millennium with lottery funds". He said it page 9

Exhibition. The prince, however, believes "the deeper, more fundamental, aspects" are being ignored. The prince proposes that millennium money be spent building places of worship for the various faiths in Britain, and suggests that the money could "bring new life to the decaying and derelict centres

of some of our great cities". The Millennium Commis-sion stressed last night that the year-long exhibition was only one aspect of its work and that it had consulted the main faith communities. "We're nity to restore and renew spending on lots of projects both the face and the heart of that are not just 'material', from the creation of new woodlands to an Earth Centre for environmental research," a spokeswoman said.

Prince Charles writes.

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not issued identity cards until Monday night. Many guards In the dark, G2 cover story Letters 8 and TO

bury, where more than 450 tics to get the road built," said guards are billeted and which | Colin Sperring of Road Alert.

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# comeuppance



Simon Hoggart

T WAS tense, agonising and finely balanced, but Harriet Harman won. At some point in the previous 24 hours she had finally realised how desperate her position was. As she should have done on Monday, she came out fighting.

She was fortunate in her timing. She slid on to the front ench as John Major was making a statement on Northern Ireland and the Mitchell report. She was wearing a puce trouser suit, which some might think an even greater offence than sending her child to a selective school. The

Tories remained silent. The Sainted John Hume (SDLP, Foyle) had just con-trived to imply that the Prime Minister had decided on elections in the province in order to buy Unionist votes. Very wbelieve that. And it's hard to persuade MPs to speak against elections, since it's lections which made them what they are today, whatever

Mr Hume has shown astonishing bravery over the past 27 threats as often as more comfortable MPs get lunch invitations. Yet he brings a pious whiff of incense, a breath of the Celtic mists. Torles have never quite trusted him, so when the Prime Minister angrily denied that he had any intention of buying votes, they cheered him again. The Torles find it hard to have two enemies at once — it's the equiva-lent, in LBJ's words, of having to fart and chew gum at the

Ms Harman was also fortunate in her topic: it would be hard to make a speech about the NHS which didn't rouse

was blessed in her persecutors. David Shaw (Dover) and Quentin Davles (Stamford) are the kind of Tories who make Labour MPs suspect sh might even deserve some

sympathy. And when David Tredinnick (Bosworth), one of the MPs who took cash for ques tions, interrupted, even her old enemy John Prescott rubbed his fingers as if to ask how much this time?

But it was Elaine Kellett-Bowman who saved her. Ms Harman had persistently ignored her attempts to interene. The Dame's voice rose higher. At one point she screamed "Sexist!" across the nearby several bats fell dead

She tried again. And again Finally she rose on a point of Still, it did end one hither to unsolved mystery: why did Devon Loch fall just yards from winning the 1956 Grand National? Dame Rlaine must have been cheering it on.

"Is it in order." she squealed, jamming air traffic control as far away as Prestwick. "for her to practise SEX DISCRIMINATION?"

Ms Harman paused a mo-ment. "It isn't sex discrimina pond to the honourable lady's intervention. It is kindness." Another pause, then the Labour benches erupted in de-

light Trivial meaningle sulting - it was all of those things. But in the weird physics of parliament, it was a Labour backbenchers decided to forgive her - for now.

ment in the autumn, at the Shadow Cabinet elections. But her happy day should not conceal the cause of the deep and bitter resentment still fel by most of her colleagues. The party's worst disaster since 1992 has been the fault of a uintessential member of the inner circle. Mr Blair had to protect Ms Harman by hurling his leadership in front of her frail body. He may not be able to do this again.

### Taiwan appeals for US arms as China Harriet ducks her 'prepares to unleash military assault'



IWAN yesterday appealed for more weapons from the United States amid completed contingency plans for a limited military assault,

quest follows an intensifyng campaign of intimidation by mainland China. In the ted missiles, rehearsed amhibious landings and delared coastal areas facing Taiwan a "war zone".

ous," said David Shambaugh, an authority on Sino-US rela-"It has all the elements for a very combustible situation."

Particularly dangerous, ex-erts say, is China's apparent elief that the US would not Taiwan television and evening newspapers gave extenlive coverage to a New York Times report that the People's

Liberation Army (PLA) could unleash an attack within reeks of Taiwan holding its first democratic presidential poll next month. The winner is likely to be the incumbent president, Mr Lee, condemned by Beijing as a "sin-ner for all millennia".

The US denied yesterday that it had received warnings aware of any specific Chinese assertions to the United States along the lines of those

icy of seeking a peaceful reunification with Taiwan." Chan Chih-hung of the main-



China's towards Taiwan, which Bel-jing considers a rebel provwill garrison some 6,000

10 neighbouring states. of an attack plan as "totally groundless". But US sources

more an attempt to sound out than an indication of a clear

pressing for military action

craft carrier" in the 1950s and scrapped a joint defence treaty and withdrew troops in 1979, but remains committed, under the Taiwan Relations

to the US last summer, yesterday called on Washington to of the Taiwan Strait". Taipei

#### **Book review**

# gratification

Simon Hoggart A Woman's Place Edwina Currie

DWINA Currie will get some awful reviews for this book, and I am deter mined that she gets at least one kindly one. This is it. The novel rattles along. There is murder, rape, sui-

cide, gay scandal and bags of political crises. Most of her characters can expect to get laid and resign from office at least once in every chapter.

She also captures the sleaziness of the Conservative Party and, in the crooked Asian businessman buying himself a peerage, has created a fine

Mrs Currie is a good hater, and it's fun to guess which old scores she is paying off. She or her publishers have also defied the Speaker, two years ago Ms Boothroyd rebuked her for using the Commons portcullis, the House's logo, on the cover of A Parliamentary Affair. This time it appears twice, decorating a pair of long, silk-sheathed legs.

Traditionally, thrillers written by MPs have good powith dollops of embarrassing sex. This one, published by Hodder, is the reverse: sex with some less convincing po-

This may be because Mrs Currie's ministerial career ras so short. She is a healthy woman, and I would guess she has spent more of her life having sex than going through red boxes, That would accoun for her greater assurance in that field.

In any event, no firm rump stays unpatted, no bosom un-fondled, no penis goes for long without flickering into life, often several times a night. Mrs Currie's fascination with reproduction and the des trolley has continued. In the last book the heroine licked a strawberry from her lover's private parts; in this, her boy-friend covers her in chocolate sauce ("reared up and seized her breasts . . . 'chocolate stains, you know. I hope you

got it all off. The main drawback is the prose. I would guess it has been thoroughly edited, but the most careful fretsaw work cannot cut round the more in-elegant lines, which bring the reader's eye to a jerky halt. For instance: "Chadwick wallowed as he remember his relief that the HIV test had come through negative"; "she unfastened the buttons of his shirt, as his arms hung help-lessly at his side. In a momen his shirt and a Damart vest had joined his coat on the floor"; and my favourite: " "Thank you, Michael." The Queen kicked a corgi from

under her feet, patted her stiff grey hair and stole a final look at herself in the mirror." That said. I can imagine

A condemned man's reviving their dying art. Bar ring a last-minute change of last requests are taxing the state, writes lan Katz in Salt Lake City

OHN ALBERT TAYLOR was quite specific about the pizza. "He wants mushroom, hot peppers, ham, pepperoni and extra cheese." said Jack Ford, spokesman for the Utah Department of Corrections. "And a Coke. He doesn't want a Pepsi, he wants a Coke. We'll have to

Procuring Taylor's last meal is the least of the prob-lems Utah authorities have faced since the convicted child murderer dropped his appeals last month and de-manded to be put to death by firing squad, the state's tradi-tional but now rarely used method of execution.

Since no one has been killed by firing squad in the United States since Gary Gilmore snapped "let's do it" in 1977, prison officials were left scrambling to improvise a setting that would minimise

That is precisely what Taylor, aged 36, intended. Ex-plaining his rejection of the more popular lethal injection method, he said he did not want to "flop around . . . like a dying fish". But he also said he saw no reason to make life easy for his executioners.

But Utah's prison officials 
have proved resourceful in is a very sad and difficult

heart, Taylor will be shot dead shortly after midnight tonight (9am GMT tomorrow), strapped to a specially built metal chair designed to "con-tain his bodily fluids" and funnel them into a pan

The execution will be carried out in a 25ft by 14ft fibre-board chamber erected in a warehouse at Utah State Prison. Five marksmen — four with live rounds — will fire .30-calibre rifles at a red cloth marking Taylor's heart from behind a partition.

A row of sandbags draped in a cloth has been placed behind the execution chair to avoid ricochets. "The drape is there just to pretty up the sandhags, to make it look less like an outdoor execution site," Mr Ford said.

To the chagrin of a booming state celebrating its centenary and looking forward to hosting the 2002 Winter Olympics, the execution has atpics, the execution has attracted international attention and made Utah the centre of a revived debate about capital punishment.

Both the American Civil Liberties Union and Amnesty International say they will respect Taylor's wish not to mount ameals on his behalf.

mount appeals on his behalf. But their representatives, and a Catholic bishop, were to protest yesterday to senior state legislators. Several legislators have said they will back a bill that could make this the last US

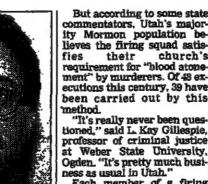


Taylor: Due to die tonight. He refused a lethal injection

said Sheryl Allen, the Republican who proposed the bill. "We ought to be doing it in the most medically advanced way possible." Taylor was convicted of

raping and strangling Charla King, aged 11. in June 1969 — a crime he denies commit-ting. If his execution, and that of Billy Bailey, a double mur-derer scheduled to be hanged in Delaware this morning, go ahead, they will bring to 315 the number of people put to death since the US supreme court lifted a ban on capital punishment in 1976.

Both men refused lethal injection, and death penalty op-ponents hope their unusual executions will help stir



duty of the state of Utah,

### lieves the firing squad satis fies their church's requirement for "blood atone-

been carried out by this "It's really never been ques tioned," said L. Kay Gillesple professor of criminal justice at Weber State University,

ness as usual in Utah."

Each member of a firing squad receives \$300 (£200) in cash. "We let the heads of law enforcement agencies select the people," Mr Ford said. "We did not want people who were out for revenge and might want to shoot the guy in the knee-cap, or people who would have nightmares

about it afterwards. Since Taylor has not ex hausted the appeals process, he will be able to stop the exe-cution almost until the order to fire is given. A federal judge will be on stand-by.

A hood will be placed on Taylor's head before the exe-cution, which will be watched by nine local reporters, five government representatives and up to five witnesses cho-sen by the condemned man. Taylor had asked for a ciga-rette with his last meal, but smoking is barred indoors under Utah's Clean Air Act. "It has been decided that he

will be allowed to smoke a cigarette on his way to the holding cell 24 hours before the execution." Mr Ford said. "He will be outside then, so it won't be breaking the law."

### A sauce of sexual US revives firing squad's dying art | Fax an affront to But according to some state commentators. Utah's majority Monton population beliame the fluore the

PETER PRESTON, the former editor of the Guardian, and the newswere guilty of unwise and improper conduct" in forging a letter purporting to come from Jonathan Aitken, a former Cabinet minister, but no action will taken against him, the Commons Privileges Committee ruled

yesterday.
The committee condemns
the former editor's action as an affront to the House. It adds: "It is unacceptable for anyone other than a Member of Parliament or a person act-ing on that member's authority to use official notepaper. It is even more unacceptable when the notepaper and a sig. nature is used deliberately to give the impression that that authority has been given."

into the circumstances sur-rounding the use of what became known as the "cod fax" which was sent to obtain the the former minister's bill at the Ritz Hotel, Paris, as part of an inquiry into Mr Aitken's stay there with two Arab businessmen.

Wider allegations involving payments to MPs made by Mohamed Al-Fayed, owner of Harrods and the Ritz, in pri-vate evidence to the committee, have been deleted from the report. Instead MPs have sent the evidence to Sir Gor-

don Downey, the Parliamen-tary Commissioner for Standards, so that it can be inves-tigated by the new committee of privileges and standards, chaired by Tony Newton, Leader of the House Mr Preston said yesterday that he welcomed this action.

Mr Preston in evidence to

Mr Preston, in evidence to MPs, apologised for using the fax. He said that he had sent it to protect his source and no one had been deceived. The telephone and fax numbers used were the Guardian's. Inquiries were being made in the public interest because Mr Aitken was not giving

"I hope my reputation in almost 20 years at the Guardian was not as some mad ayatol-lah trying to pull down the temples of public life. Rightly or wrongly, I was very anxious ... where I felt one was asking legitimate questions but was not being given straightforward answers.

should be pursued."

Mr Al-Fayed in his evidence to MPs said he had been alerted to Mr Altken's stay at the same time as two prominent Saudi businessmen, Mohammed Said Ayas, and Wafic Said, an arms dealer, when his manager told him that Mr Aitken, then minister for defence procurement, was a guest of Mr Ayas. This was later shown on the bill obtained through the fax.

Mr Aitken has always denied that Mr Ayas paid his

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### Universities propose levy on students

John Carvel and Donald MacLeod

could be made to pay an emergency levy of several hundred pounds a head under propos-als being tabled this week by vice-chancellors' leaders anxious to recoup at least part of the 12 per cent cut in their income from the taxpayer due

over the next three years. The plan would break the principle that students should not have to pay for higher education and would add to financial pressures caused by recent progressive reductions in maintenance grants.

Gareth Roberts, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals and head of Sheffield University, said a one-off charge at a flat rate of perhaps between £100 and £300 could be levied on students at all universities

"It is a short-term strategy," he said. "The mediumterm one has to be to change the way higher education is Levying the charge would

let universities recoup some of the cuts announced by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in the November Budget. By tain the current service.

They fear the squeeze is likely to turn out to be even flercer since the Government has not yet decided where to find the £100 million lost from the 1996/7 accounts when it

last night for circulation to

will decide on their response to the Government at an mergency meeting on Febru would apply to all first degree students or only the new in-

take of about 500,000 when they registered. They will also be asked to debate an alternative option a boycott of quality assurance measures which the Government has requested to assess how well students are

taught.
A Guardian survey of vicechancellors has established that both alternatives are hotly contested, but there is a determination that some decisive action must be taken to register opposition to unsus-tainable cuts.

"I am not willing to see the rundown of higher education in this country in the same way as secondary education — if you don't believe in fairies students will have to pay," said Sir Derek Roberts, provost of University College London, whose academic board will consider a £1,000

top-up fee next month,
Martin Harris, vice chan-cellor of Manchester Univer-sity, said there was an option of cutting student intakes by 7 per cent to compensate for the cuts, but this would bring in no extra money. He told the 1999 the vice-chancellors will university's ruling court that be left £550 million short of top-up fees, combined with a the income needed to main better student loans scheme. were now the only alternative to irreversible decline.

Mrs Shephard had been thought to be sympathetic to a top-up fee as long as universities took the responsibility. But a spokesman said yesterwas forced in December to postpone the privatisation of student loans.

The proposal for a levy on students was being completed well-off families."

But a spokesman said yester-day: "The Government sees no need for top-up fees and is concerned they might disadvantage students from less well-off families."

the 104 vice chancellors, who Leader comment, page 8



Sarah Cook arrives with her husband Musa Komeagac, and his father Ali for questioning by police in Kahramanmaras

### Court orders child bride to come back to Britain

Saily Weale and Alan Watkins

SARAH COOK, the 13-year-old Essex girl who married an unemployed Turkish waiter in an illegal Muslim ceremony, has been ordered to return to Britain after being made a ward of court. The order was made after an application by social

services.
This followed outrage at her marriage three weeks ago to the 18-year-old, whom she met during a family holiday.
Last night, however, it was unclear whether she would comply with the order, which

Brown, president of the Fam-ily Division, ruled that Sarah should be returned to the court's jurisdiction forthwith. He ordered that her pass-

port should be surrendered on her return to the official solicitor, Peter Harris, and he outside Britain without the permission of the court. He also imposed a gagging

order on her parents to pre-vent them giving further information to the media. daughter's story. Yesterday the teenager

comply with the order, which is only enforceable within the jurisdiction of England and Wales.

After a 30-minute private application by Essex county Exemple 2. Council at London's High is only enforceable within the sign of a change of heart. She was being cared for by the parents of her husband, Musa application by Essex county council at London's High is only enforceable within the from Braintree showed little council have been asked to prepare reports.

After a 30-minute private application by Essex county the parents of her husband, Musa application by Essex county to month.

Mike Leadbetter, director of Essex social services, said to do method our utmost for her, to make either Sarah or her parents, who gave their consent to the marriage, had changed their that's her wish. We just went

Her father-in-law, All Komea-gac, said: "Sarah is my son's bride. If she wants to stay, our

home is her home." Her 37-year-old mother, who has said she now wants to bring her daughter home, was due to be reunited with barred her from travelling Sarah in the town of Kahramanmaras in south-eastern Turkey last night. She is expected to give evidence when

Komeagac is brought before the court again today. In Britain the case will be Jackie and Adrian Cook are understood to have been paid f20,000 by the Sun for their parents will be invited to offer their views. The official solicitor and Essex county council have been asked to

Court yesterday, Sir Stephen | rape after being refused bail. | is 18 or the court decides | view that she should remain | along with her dreams. But

otherwise.
The British vice-consul in Ankara, Trudie Pak, also travelled to Kahramanmaras to notify Sarah of the court order instructing her to return to Britain. Her journey could be delayed if she and her parents refuse to abide by

the summons. While the Cooks are in Turkey, British authorities are powerless, but they could be held in contempt on their return to Britain if they disregard the order. In addition the Turkish authorities could refuse to renew Sarah's 90day visa, which expires next

in Turkey.
If Sarah returned, he said,

it would be for the High Court to decide whether she would be allowed to continue living with her parents or whether the county council would be-come responsible for her care. Relatives say that if there is any chance of Sarah being placed in care, she is unlikely

to hurry back. In an interview with the Sun yesterday, Sarah threat-ened to kill herself if Komeagac remained in jail. "I can't stand being apart from him. We just want to be together. He is my husband and I love

now her dreams have been shattered by the Turkish

According to Turkish law governing marriage, although it is frequently ignored, girls cannot marry before the age of 15, but in exceptional cirnermission for 14-year-olds.

Mr Komeagac's lawyer. who has threatened to resist attempts to deport Sarah. could now apply to the courts for permission for the couple to marry legally once Sarah is 14 in September.

Essex police say they are doubtful whether any offence has been committed in Britain, although the role of Sarah's parents in encourag-ing the relationship with her boyfriend is being scrutinised by lawyers and senior officers.

### Mortgage rate cut to 30-year-low

Teresa Hunter

BRITAIN'S fifth-biggest building society, the Bradford & Bingley, yesterday unleashed a new price-war by cutting its mortgage rate to a 30-year low in a hid to discredit competitors abandoning their century-old 'mutual" tradition to become

yesterday pledged to give 250 million of profits to its customers by cutting its mort gage rate by 0.25 per cent to a new low of 7.24 per cent. Savers will see their returns boosted by 0.25 per cent.

The move is designed to fire a shot across the bows of building societies such as the Halifax and the Woolwich. which have promised their members big incentives if they support plans to convert

to a public company.

Geoffrey Lister, Bradford & Bingley chief executive, said:
"Building societies were set up to put their customers' interests first — not those of shareholders. Once a building society becomes a bank that is lost forever."

Rob Thomas, UBS housing analyst, suggested the B&B had triggered a mortgage

price war.
He said: "It is a very significant move which will put pressure on all lenders to cut their rates. They may not follow immediately, but over time they will have to fall into line."

Tory backbench charges of hypocrisy when she led a Labour attack in the Commons on the Government's health record. She swung some backbenchers round by laimter there wing the ref.

claiming those using the pri-

vate sector were refugees from an NHS starved of government resources. Her future was raised only

briefly at a private meeting of

Blair crushes revolt over

Harman school decision

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for sending his children to
poor local comprehensives in
Tottenham, north London.
Later, Ms Harman survived
The selective school had inflicted long-term damage. They predicted a big drop in their poll
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Left-wing Labour back-

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Mortgage rates

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The Halifax and the Abbey National said they had no plans to follow. Their mortgage rates are now higher than a range of small lenders committed to remaining building societies.

B&B borrowers will see

their repayments on a £60,000 mortgage fall by about £10 a month to £410 from March. The society hopes the lower repayments will help kickstart the housing market, which has hit rock bottom with mortgage transactions in 1995 at their lowest for 21

need to sell out their building societies. Leader comment, page 8

in the wider party and said Ms Harman would be ejected

from the shadow cabinet in the autumn.

In the Commons, the Health

Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, mocked what he said was the

failure of some shadow cabi-Harman on the airwaves, dubbing their actions "the

### Snooper spouses get a steam up

Angella Johnson

OW safe is your mail in the hands of your partner? Not very, ac-cording to a survey which shows that six out of 10 people cannot resist read-ing their spouse's letters, and that 16 per cent resort to steaming them open.

The study, commissioned by the Royal Mail, reveals that while people in the Midlands are the least trusting (73 per cent would read a partner's letter), it is in the south-west that they are most likely to be found holding the envelope over a boiling kettle. Only 8 per cent of folks in Northern Ireland would snoop.

The Gallup poll of 2,000 adults and 1,000 children across Britain shows that while it may be good to talk Midlands are the least years. But the society's main motive is to convince borrow-ers and savers there is no

while it may be good to talk on the phone, as Bob Hos-kins regularly reminds us in British Telecom adverts, a letter is considered better for communicating really

important news. More than seven out of 10 adults prefer to write if they have something important or emotional to make the number of outlets. say. A huge 94 per cent be-lieve writing a letter shows selling stamps — a total of 20,000 post offices and Left-wing Labour back-benchers also forecast that the backlash would continue someone has put time and thought into it.

Londoners top the league for letter-writing (87 per cent compared with 47 per cent in Northern Ireland), but most of such correspondence is gossip and tittle-

dence is gossip and tittle-tattle.

The survey also suggests that "Disgusted of Tun-bridge Wells" has been eclipsed by "Angry from Anglia" in the complaining stakes, with East Anglians comprehense four times as composing four times as Africa.

many letters of complaint (29 per cent) as people in Northern Ireland (8 per

When asked why they write letters, most people (66 per cent) said it was to keep in touch — surpris-ingly 72 per cent of 16 to 24 year olds say they enjoy this form of communication, a quarter suggesting it was often easier to express themselves this way.

A high proportion of those interviewed said they valued a personal letter much more than a fax or computer message. The Queen is still the public fig-ure people would most like to get a letter from.

Adam Novak, Royal Mail director and general man-ager, said: "People believe that if someone writes them a letter, it shows they care enough to have invested time and thought in it." Mr Novak revealed that the number of letters

posted every day is to reach a record 70 million, an in-crease of 10 million in the

80,000 retail outlets. On average, more than 800 are posted each second and about 300 full sacks of mail arrive at sorting of-fices every minute. Brit-ain's 25 million addresses receive an average of 2.8

"...and another good thing



One would be forgiven for thinking that the country was divided into anxious middle-class parents willing to sell their souls for the sake of a few GCSEs, and the rest of us, who are so stupid, so poor, so unambitious that we send our children to any old school. One may as well slaughter them in cold blood as let them go somewhere they don't have to wear a uniform.

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### SELECTION SURVIVOR: Opinions in Committee Room 12 range from resign calls to total support over school choice



**Bernie Grant** Gave '100pc support'. Attacked schools in. Tottenham which let down his children



Against **Alice Mahon** If Harman was set on sending her son to a selective school she should resign



**Judith Church** London schools poor due to lack of resources and social mix. Any mother would make same choice



**Against Clive Soley** Education at comprehensive school had helped him cope with life It was time for her to quit

## Harman contrite before Labour jury

### Blair denounces 'Tory bastards'

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

ARRIET Harman's rial by Labour MPs yesterday saw a denunciation of "Tory bastards" by Tony Blair, stumbling contrition from Ms Harman, and three calls to her face to quit.

The Parliamentary Labour Party's debate on its health spokeswoman's decision to send her son, aged 11, to a grammar school, opened in a packed Committee Room 12, then Michael Martin, MP for Glasgow Springburn, said the party was in a wounded state. He said it was right to send your children to the local comprehensive. It enhanced his children's experience, even though they came home most days saying how bad the

Judith Church, MP for Dagenham, argued that schools in London were particularly poor due to lack of resources and the social mix. It was very expensive to live in the catchment areas of decent schools in the capital, and she could not understand how Mr Martin felt it enriched his children to send them to inad-

Halifax, said the row had deeply damaged the Labour Party. She could not support she was determined to send dramatic one-hour her son to the school, she

should resign.
Roy Hattersley, the former
Labour deputy leader, would
not comment on Ms Harman's
decision, and said it was a matter for her conscience. The only good that could come from the past few days was the re-affirmation of the party's commitment to comprehensive non-selective

education. But Bernie Grant, the leftwing MP for Tottenham, sup-ported Ms Harman "100 per cent." He argued she was only doing what every parent did within the system the Government had landed people with. He said the state of edudisgrace. Its schools had been poor under a Labour govern-ment, but they had become rotten after 16 years of Tory rule, and his three children had been let down by the local

schools. Paul Flynn, MP for Newport, felt it would be difficult for Ms Harman to reject the charge of hypocrisy, so it would be wise for her to resign. He argued that Labour MPs' involvement in grantmaintained schools were part of the problem and claimed Mr Blair's decision to send



In the firing line . . . Harriet Harman braving Tory jibes as she led Labour's NHS attack in the Commons, watched by Tony Blair and John Prescott

heel of Labour's education

Hampstead and Highgate, did not agree with Ms Harman's decision, but said she had every right to make it. Clive Soley, MP for Ham-

The small army of Labour

spin doctors waited on Satur-day to see if the story would

seemed quiet. Ms Harman might be able to get away with

it. But on Sunday, Clare Short

gave the impression on GMTV
— her real view but given

apparently inadvertently, that

she disapproved of Ms Har-man's decision, saying she

would have to answer to her constituents. Nicholas Jones.

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she should resign. He had been to an inner city compre-hensive where violence and bullying had been the norm and it had helped him cope with life, in a way privileged schools did not.

his son to the Oratory, a mersmith, said he had been a laddress, Ms Harman said: "I grant-maintained Catholic long-standing and close fried deeply regret that any decischool, could be the Achilles of Ms Harman, but added that sion I have taken has given any succour to the Tories and any opportunity for them to attack the Labour Party. I apologise to colleagues for the diversion. I understand the strength of feeling and deeply selective, but we must deal regret the distress caused. I

with a difficult choice and each of us has to solve the problems faced by providing good schooling for our children in our own way. I would with the circumstances

Mr Blair, in an impassioned speech, said: "I have had enough of yielding to how it hurts you, but now is the time, when the whole top of you, that we stand firm,

Primary school concert allows interlude on a a difficult day

8.00am: Arrives at BBC Millbank studies for inter-view on Today programme and BBC Breakfast News.

9.30am: Leaves Westminster to attend nine-year-old daughter Amy's first school ing her debut on the cello at Hamlet junior school, Southwark, the same primary attended by son Joe, at centre

of schools controversy. 11.20am: Dashes from office at 7 Millbank with health team colleagues Alan Mil-burn and Henry McLeish, and fellow frontbencher Clare

Short to attend Commons meeting of Parliamentary Labour Party.

11.00am: Tells around 200 Labour MPs packed into Committee Room 12 that she is sorry for offering "succour" to Tories after having made a long meeting, works on speech for afternoon debate on National Health Service.

4.15pm: Slips into Com-mons chamber virtually unnoticed as Prime Minister takes questions on Ireland. Labour benches crowded with frontbenchers and Blair sup-porters. Tony Blair and John Prescott arrive and sit next to her just as she is due to open Labour-initiated debate.

5.20pm: Shadow Cabinet meeting, which Harman does not attend as she is still in-volved in debate.

BOTH (ME)

### **Crisis for spin doctors started** with phone call to headmaster

Blair's aides had known of Harman school | would be at Westminster, en- of their kinder epithets. "She story before Christmas, but still found it . hard to control. Patrick Wintour reports

Tony Blair the worst three days of his leader-ship began with a phone call on Friday from Joe Murphy, the political reporter of the Mail on Sunday. He had picked up that Harriet Harman, the shadow health secretary, was sending her second son, Joe, to the elite grammar school, St Olave's, in Orpington. Kent. He made a check phone call to the headmaster on the Friday afternoon. The headmaster was not totally discreet, but also rang Ms Harman to inform her the

press had been on to him.

She immediately rang Mr
Blair's office where a full red
alert was called. His office had known, and privately disap-proved, of Ms Harman's deci-sion before Christmas. But Mr Blair had been presented with a fait accompli by Ms Harman. The boy had passed the exam. and was going to the school. She explained that many of his friends would be going to the school and it suited his needs. The only other senior politician who knew at the time was the Labour chief whip, Donald Dewar. Temperamentally. he is not a man to hit the roof, but he certainly looked up at the skies on hearing the news.

Mr Blair felt he could not

tell Ms Harman to pull the boy out Equally, if he ordered her to resign from the front bench, the Tories would have had a field day.

HE crisis that has given | office, sent urgent paging mes sages at 1pm to journalists more sympathetic than those on the Mail to try to get the best presentation possible on the story that night. David. Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, furnished some supportive quotes. The Mail on Sunday, its exclusive pre-empted handed the story to its sis-

ter paper, the Daily Mail.

Shadow cabinet members minded and vigorous of BBC had to be quickly informed of journalists, ran with the story.

Northern male MPs have little time for her. They regard her as incompetent and do not recognise her pull on TV. 'Birdbrain' is one of their kinder epithets

leader and long-term critic of Ms Harman, did not become aware until Saturday, compounding the impression that the Blair office was leaving him out of the big decisions. Many other shadow cabinet members were furious. Some

week possible.

out of control. As the Labour MPs gathered involved in party presentation argued that if they had known about the story, they would have released it when Parliament was not sitting. Instead it had emerged on the worst

Ms Harman's decision and harman's decision a Gerry Steinberg, quit. By Monday morning the spin doc-tors saw the issue spinning

at Westminster, it was clear that if there was a vote between them, Ms Harman would be sacked, by a margin of nine to one. Some MPs, especially northern male MPs, have little time for Ms Harman, whom they view as in the vanguard of middle class New Labour. They also regard have had a field day.

Ms Harman, then under instruction from Mr Blair's whip votes. All Labour MPs mand, do not recognise her

simply had no reserves of goodwill on which to draw, and she needs it now " one shadow cabinet member

on Monday. Mr Blunkett did his best to hold the line in the education debate on Monday. Ms Harman was thrown on to Channel Four News after receiving a vote of confidence from Mr Blair in his office. By Tuesday morning, the leadership thought the worst might be over. Yet as the day wore on, it was clear the mood of the Parliamentary Labour Party had darkened. Mr Prescott could not contain his anger wanted her out. Some feared the party's three big pluses, education, health and morality, were being thrown away. In the tea rooms they specu-lated about a massive drop in

the poll lead. At Prime Minister's ques-tions, Mr Blair's team decided to play for big stakes and go for the only pluses available

accusing John Major of
playing politics with an 11year-old and refusing to buckle under pressure. Never-theless, the anti-Harmanites. including Michael Martin. threatened that night to put down a motion for the following day's PLP meeting. demanding her resignation. They were given assurances that there would be a balanced debate and a chance to vent

their anger. The hanging jury was called off. By yesterday morning, as Labour MPs looked at a third consecutive day of disastrous headlines, the centre ground realised they had no choice but to back their leader.

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#### **Embattled spokeswoman defies jibes in health debate**

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

HE shadow health secre-HE shadow health secretary. Harriet Harman. yesterday fought off Tory attempts to throw her off her stride in the Commons, and delivered a fierce attack on the National Health Service, which she claimed the Government had torn "limb from She insisted the debate, ini-

tiated by Labour and arranged well before the furore over her her son's schooling, was about the crisis in the

With husband Jack Dromey watching from the public gallery and the Labour benches packed behind her, she saving that 53 hospitals in Eng-land, Wales and Scotland are turning patients away. She claimed health care

had become "a lottery de-pending on where you live", with services being pushed into the private sector through a strategy of "creeping privatisation". Labour, she insisted, would invest the £1.5 billion wasted by the Tories on bureaucracy into "frontline services" which

would deliver a better deal to patients. Ms Harman issued stern, swift rebukes to several Tory MPs who attempted to desta-

bilise her. She was rewarded with a pat on the arm by the Labour

with deputy leader John Prescott.

To the surprise of many MPs, the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, launched straight into an attack on what he claimed was Labour's "hypocrisy". He said: "The thing that makes us angry is the distinction between what they say and what they do."

He taunted Ms Harman's shadow cabinet colleagues for failing to support her, and said: "What we have seen this week is the irresistible force of parental obligation meeting the immovable object of political correctness."

Labour MPs complained that it seemed as though the aged the Government's health | leader, Tony Blair, who | wrong minister was speaking.

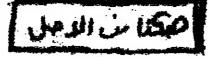
record and the shortage of showed his support by sitting and even the deputy speaker, beds, with new figures show to her left on the front bench Michael Morris, admitted he had not heard the word "health" mentioned up to that point in Mr Dorrell's speech. John Sykes, Conservative MP for Scarborough, was the first to try and put Ms Har-

man off her stride. He asked: "Isn't it a good thing there's no such thing as a grant-maintained hospital - wouldn't you be in more trouble in that case?" Ms Harman hit back: "I'm surprised you weren't rising to complain to Stephen Dor-

rell about the fact that in your own health region, 7,546 hospital beds have been closed. "I believe that is what your constituents want you to be speaking up about in this House of Commons, rather than making cheap points."

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### International peace team suggests two track approach to beat impasse on decommissioning of paramilitary arms

### Mitchell puts aside weapons issue

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HE Government nould abandon its demand that para-militaries in Northern Ireland give up their weapons before all-party talks begin, the international commission on the peace pro-

cess said yesterday.
The three-man panel, headed by former United States senator George Mitchell, concluded that terrorist groups would not give up their arms before negotiations and said any decommissioning of weapons should run in tandem with peace

"Such an approach repre sents a compromise," the panel said. "If the peace process is to move forward the impasse must be overcome. While both sides have been adamant in their positions, both have repeatedly ex-

pressed their desire to move forward. This approach pro-vides them that opportunity." Any future disarmament should be monitored and veripointed by the British and Irish governments but indent of both.

The commission also identifled a number of other initiatives, including the setting up of an "elective body", which might help strengthen the

In its 20-page report to the British and Irish govern-ments, Mr Mitchell's team said although relations be-tween the two communities were strained, there was almost universal support for disarmament of all paramili-

tary groups.
It called on all sides to forget their "vast inventories of historical recrimination" and said: "What is really needed is a decommissioning of mind-sets."
The commission said all

parties involved in future peace talks would have to accept six key principles before reached, including the use of exclusively peaceful means to resolve political issues, disarmament, agreement to abide by the outcome of all-party negotiations and an end to punishment beatings.
It added: "Those who insist

on prior decommissioning need to be reassured that the democratic means by those formerly supportive of politi**Principles** 

All parties must accept six principles before a settlement can be reached:

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other group using force or

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negotiations.

Agreement to abide by the terms of any agreement reached in all-party negotiations and use of demo cratic and peaceful meth-ods in trying to alter any which they may disagree.

An end to "punishment" killings and beatings.

genuine and irreversible and that the threat or use of such violence will not be invoked to influence the process of negotiations or to change any agreed settlement.
"Those who have been per-

for the peaceful political path need to be reassured that a meaningful and inclusive process of negotiation is genu-inely being offered to address the legitimate concerns of their traditions and the need for new political arrange ments with which all can identify.

"Clearly, this new approach must be explored to overcome this impasse," the report said. Mr Mitchell and his colleagues, Canadian general John de Chastelain and the former Finnish prime minister Harri Holkeri, published their findings yesterday after meetings with officials, politicians and church leaders

They had found relations between the two traditions in Northern Ireland still hostile, yet it was clear the vast majority of the people wanted to turn away from the past. "There is a powerful desire for peace. It is that desire which creates the present op-

portunity," they said.
"Notwithstanding 'punish-ment' killings and beatings, should not be devalued. It is a significant factor which must ing the commitment of para-militaries to full and verifi-



George Mitchell, flanked by John de Chastelain and Harri Holkeri, in Belfast yesterday

#### Divide and rule

following the partition of freland. Successive administrations formed by Unionist majority, with

shootings and upsurge in IRA violence. Stormont partial

Power sharing executive of local parties elected but collapsed within four months amidst the lovalist-inspired

A possible convention line-up

Figures based on aggregate results fr Party

- Elections would be for party delegations to a new negotiating body. Based on proportional representation, it would - according to the
- The body would exist for a limited duration and provide a forum for, or means of, moving the process forward into full inter-party talks. It
- Sinn Fein and the SDLP have already criticised plans for any

### Trust built on compromise holds key to peace

Mitchell report offers hope of wider 'twin-track' dialogue

David Sharrock **Ireland Correspondent** 

HE Mitchell Report's admirers claim it has mapped a decent route to a final settlement in Northern Ireland, but Irish nationalists will be inclined to complain that John Major

proposals for a new Northern Ireland "elected body".

This round, it appears, has gone to David Trimble, the Ul-ster Unionist Party leader. Certainly John Hume, the SDLP leader, lost no time in complaining that Mr Major was buying votes to keep himself in power.

to Irish nationalists, and in resisting stronger north-that the Mitchell Report but the governments may in-Dublin some viewed it as a south ties through new all-solved nothing on its own, the sist it has a stronger role as a logical trade-off — reasoning it would have been unimaginable for the Government and Mr Trimble to concede on the issue of weapons without get-

ing something back. Mr Hume's view is that assemblies have come and gone in the past 25 years and solved nothing; it is time for the parties and the two goveroments to negotiate a deal and then submit it to the people. Unionists, meanwhile,

Ireland institutions. But John Bruton, the Irish

prime minister, said Mr Maor's announcement was something that could be discussed on the political side of the so-called "twin-track" ap-proach running until the end of February, involving pre-liminary dialogue while the Mitchell report investigates

the arms issue. This is, though, a come-on to Mr Trimble, who has resisted inmerely want a return to the vitations to talk to Dublin.

solved nothing on its own, the fact that he and Mr Major are prepared to accept its core conclusion — that arms need not be handed up before talks

In the next weeks the emphasis will be on just one aspect of the 20-page report, saying: "An elective process could contribute to the building of confidence."

represents a shift.

What that process or any resultant body might entail has yet to be determined. Mr Trimble has suggested it

sist it has a stronger role as a negotiating body for reaching an agreed settlement. If so, Sinn Fein might be persuaded to participate.

In the meantime, some Unionists appeared to sur-prise even themselves when in the report, imbued as it is with compromise.

But the real key to succe is trust. As panel member Harri Holkeri said yesterday, "we do not trust, but we are

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### Reactions from fury to support

#### Sinn Fein

THE brevity of a statement issued by Gerry Adams said it all. In his reaction to the

all. In his reaction to the Mitchell Report "John Major has effectively dumped the twin-track process," he said.

"He is quite clearly acting in had faith by swapping one precondition to all-party talks for another. John Major has now adopted an entirely Unionist accorda in an at-Unionist agenda in an at-tempt to buy Unionist votes

Off-stage, senior republicans were first stunned then furious at the "stunt" pulled by Mr Major. The twin-track approach of an independent body on arms and prelimi-

nary political dialogue had been sold to them as a means of commencing negotiations by the end of February. Now that deadline has been

pushed right back into an indefinite future.

"He's just swapped one pre-condition for another, dumped the twin-track, dumped a target date," said a senior source. "What Major did today did

not contribute in any way to building the trust and confidence that he's supposed to be looking for," said another. In a mood which seemed close to despair, the party was last night facing a return to

the drawing board — and the danger of being accused by their hardline critics of

#### SDLP

THE bitterest exchanges in the Commons yesterday reflected John Hume's memories of being a mem-ber of three failed assem-blies in Northern Ireland and his openly-voiced sus-picion that Mr Major was trying to buy time and buy Unionist votes to keep his government afloat.

His deputy in the mainly Catholic Social and Democratic Labour Party, Seamus Mallon, was less caustic but warned that Mr which was "outside its Major had ignored the remit".

main thrust of the Mitchell Report — that talks and de-commissioning should pro-

Both were angry last night, but senior Tories were cheered by their refusal to rule out the assembly completely. "Give them 72 hours," said one. There were Tory cries of 'cheap" when Mr Hume

obliquely taunted Mr Major with risking innocent lives by this tactic and went on to remind MPs that the Mitchell Commission

#### Unionists

IT WAS a good day for David Trimble, who started it by expressing disappointment over the failure of the Mitchell Commission to solve the impasse in the peace process but ended it with his view that an way forward seemingly endorsed by Mr Major.

"In view of the refusal of Sinn Fein/IRA to make the necessary moves with regard to weapons, we regard it as the only way forward," Mr Trimble told

forward," Mr Trimble told that an election is a the House of Commons.

Earlier his colleague, Ken Maginnis, gave the Mitch-

#### speculation that the Unionists have come out of vesterday's developments in an even stronger position than they had hoped for.

ell Report a cautions wel-come, which gave rise to

But the Irish Govern ment's softly-softly response is contingent upon Mr Trimble's meeting them for talks, something which he has so far refused

to do. It is likely that unless he is prepared, and quickly, to accept an invitation from the Irish foreign minister. Dick Spring, who has al-ready expressed his view

#### Opposition

TONY Blair and Paddy Ash-down voiced immediate Oppo-Report and for John Major's formula for side-stepping the weapons stalemate with an elected assembly. But Mr Blair also hinted that if the premier's options did not work he should try others. Insisting that the issues in-

volved "should transcend normal party politics", the Labour leader stressed the Labour leader stressed the importance of "confidencebuilding" measures and offered help in passing speedy

legislation to create an

ssembly. Mr Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, praised the courage of all involved, and proposed a special amnesty for stocks of Semiex.

Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, Mo Mowlam, supports an assembly if it proves an effective means of ending the deadlock, though Ham-mersmith MP Clive Soley voiced nationalist fears that it would mean a return to "structures that have failed in the past" and Tony Benn insisted that the peace pro-cess in South Africa and Palestine had not required prior

### Ceasefire 'saves shops £220m'

HE IRA ceasefire has brought savings of more than £220 million for UK shops and stores, according to figures published yesterday. But retail outlets were nev-ertheless targets of more than 3,000 terrorist incidents, mainly connected with ani-

mal rights, the latest annual survey of the British Retail Consortium has found. The cost of crime against retailers has fallen overall by 28 per cent but robberies and till thefts have increased.

pest police forces in terms of | 1994/95 compared with £2.1 cutting crime. It proved that retailers were not helpless in the face of crime; if they "can do it, everyone can"

The survey is based on responses from companies trading through 53,000 outlets, with a combined annual turnover of £81 billion.

It shows losses from terror-

ism in 1994/95 to be down by 98 per cent — from £226 million in 1993/94 to £4.9 million last year. But retailers faced 3,140 incidents of terrorism, as defined by the survey, includ-ing bombs, bomb threats, incendiary attacks and attacks

by animal rights activists.
The 28 per cent fall in the uninister; said the figures were overall cost of crimes against Quarmby, joint managing di-as impressive as those for the retailers — £1.5 billion in rector of J Sainsbury plc and Fulham High St, SW6 3,W; £25.

came at a cost of £525 million for prevention measures. Thefts totalling 5.390,341 re-

presented a 12 per cent rise. The number of customers referred to police was up by 250,000 to 783,361. Staff theft or fraud was down 24 per cent to 26,144 incidents: 41 per cent of employees involved were

referred to police.
There were 15,838 robberies and till snatches, up 17 per cent and the figure of most concern to retailers. There were 3,719 arson attacks, a fall

of 2 per cent. Violence against staff re-mained high, said David

Retail Action Group for Crime Prevention, at the survey's launch in London.

fered physical violence, down 4 per cent, but threats of violence increased to nearly 100,000 and 242,716 staff suffered verbal abuse.
Fraud losses amounted to

down by 53 per cent and plastic card fraud by 60 per cent. Loss from counterfeit notes totalled £1 million. The report recommends making thieves reimburse

£22 million. Cheque fraud was

their victims.

Retail Crime Costs, 1994/95; BRC, Bedford House, 68

Taipei's campaign for greater international recognition has provoked clear threats of military action, Patrick Tyler in Beijing reports

# Beijing warns of war for 'one China'

usually explicit warnings to the Clinton administration that it has completed plans for a limited attack on Taiwan which could be mounted in the weeks after President Lee Teng-hui's expected victory in the island's first democratic presidential

election in March. This sabre-rattling is apparently intended to per-suade the United States to rein in Taiwan and Mr Lee, whose push for greater international recognition for the island of 21 million people has been condemned in Beijing as a drive for independence. While no one familiar with

HE Chinese leader is on the verge of risking a ship has sent un catastrophic war against Taiwan, some experts fear that the Taiwan issue has become such a test of national pride for Chinese leaders that the danger of war should be taken seriously.

A senior US official said the administration had "no independent confirmation or even credible evidence" that the Chinese were contemplating an attack, and spoke almost dismissively of the prospect.
"They can fire missiles, but

Taiwan has some teeth of its own." he said. "And does China want to risk that, and the international effects?" The most pointed of the warnings was conveved recently through a former asthe threat thinks that China sistant secretary of defence, The People's Liberation Army 'had plans to launch one conventional missile a day against Taiwan for 30 days'

ited China this winter for discussions with senior Chinese

On January 4, after returning to Washington, he told Mr Clinton's national security adviser, Anthony Lake, that the People's Liberation Army had prepared plans to launch one conventional missile a day against Taiwan for 30

days.
This warning followed similar statements relayed to administration officials by John Lewis, a Stanford University

military figures here.

The warnings do not mean that an attack on Taiwan is certain or imminent. Rather, a number of China specialists say, China hopes through "credible preparations" for an attack to intimidate the Taiwanese and influence US

policy towards Taiwan.
The goal, they say, is to force Taiwan to abandon Mr Lee's campaign, including his effort to get Taiwan a seat at

Mr Lee, a number of experts say. China could resort to

Since last summer, when the White House allowed Mr Lee to visit the US, the Chinese leadership has stepped up its attacks on the Taiwan leader, accusing him of seeking to "split the motherland" and undermine the "one China" policy which has been the bedrock of relations between Reiting and its estranged province since 1949. Last month a senior Chi-

nese foreign ministry official

If the threats fail to rein in | said privately that China's obvious preparations for military action were intended to head off an unwanted conflict. all we can to avoid a scenario

in which we are confronted in the end with no other option but a military one," he said. If China did not succeed in changing Taiwan's course, "then I am afraid there is going to be a war". Mr Freeman passed on the most recent warning during a

meeting Mr Lake had called with non-governmental China specialists.

Participants said his presentation was arresting. Preparations for a missile attack on Taiwan, including the selection of targets, were complete and awaited a final decision by the polithuro, he

He quoted a Chinese official as saying that China could act militarily against Taiwan tion because US leaders "care. more about Los Angeles than they do about Taiwan" — a statement that Mr Freeman described as an indirect threat to use nuclear weapons

against the US. Mr Freeman confirmed the gist of his reported remarks, reiterating his belief that while Beijing clearly pre-ferred negotiation to combat

gency about its wish to end Taiwan's quest for "independent international status".

He said Mr Lee's behaviour in the weeks following his reelection would determine whether Beijing's Communist Party leaders felt they must "by direct military means".

In recent months, Mr Fre man said, he had relayed a number of warnings to US government officials. 'I have quoted senior Chinese who told me [that China] would sacrifice 'millions of men' and 'entire cities' to assure the unity of China and who opined that the United States would not make comparable sacrifices.

### Police break up subway squat

Eric Talmadge in Tokyo

**■UNDREDS** of police dragged homeless men kicking and screaming from a central Tokyo shantytown yesterday, an unusually harsh crackdown which shocked

passers-by. The mêlée capped months of rising tension between the city authority and those living in "Cardboard Village" — a row of shacks several hundred yards long in an underpass.

By yesterday afternoon most of the homeless had left or had been forcibly removed, and only three arrests were reported. But on a social problem most Japanese — who take great pride in their country's af-fluence — would prefer to

"I am very disappointed that force had to be used," said Yukio Aoshima. Tokyo's governor. "But we intend to do our best to help

rehabilitate these people."

The authorities are trying to house the tunnel dwellers in a temporary shelter, but this will be closed after two months. Mr Aoshima said officials hoped to "talk to the home less to better understand their situation"

Few of them are likely to of eggs, beer cans and tin buckets rained down on the police as they broke through the barricade of plywood and concrete blocks put up by the homeless and their supporters. many bussed in from outside Tokyo.
"We're not going to a con-

centration camp," the homeless men shouted. 'We're staying right here." thorities and the homeless has increased since the city announced last year that it would clear out the cardboard shacks to build a moving walkway through the underpass, which links Tokyo's city hall and sev- be 10,000 or more. — AP.

eral high-rise office blocks with one of the city's busiest railway stations.

The plan was immediately criticised by cam-paign groups as an excuse to remove the men.

"The city has never tried to understand us," said Mitsuru Koki, who recently moved out of the underpass and survives on state benefits. "Most Japanese don't think of homeless people, or people who don't work, as fellow human beings."

Begging is rare in Japan, and there is hardly any contact between the homeless and the pedestrians, mostly white-collar workers, pass them each day.

#### The clash focused attention on a problem Japan prefers to ignore

None the less, the under-pass community had long been a conspicuous pocket of poverty in Tokyo, a city with few slums.

About 200 people, mostly older unemployed men or day labourers, lived there, and hundreds more lived nearby. Although their number fluctuated, it is believed to have gradually incause of a prolonged

Shopkeepers near the cardboard village had long complained that the stench and squalor of the shacks scared off customers. The police repeated that message through megaphones.
"You have become a nui-

sance to the neighbourhood." blared one. "This is not a place for people to live." The most recent official estimate is that there are less than 3,500 homeles people throughout Tokyo. which has a population of

12 million. But private wel-fare groups say there could



Can't go, won't go... Tokyo police drag away a homeless protester during yesterday's eviction Photograph: ITSUO INDUYE

#### News in brief

#### US food agency approves zero-calorie fat

America's first zero-calorie artificial fat.

The product, olestra, developed by Procter & Gamble, can be used to replace the fat in crisps and other snacks. provided they carry a warning on the label that it might cause unexpected side effects. Critics had asked the FDA to keep olestra off the market be gest, allowing it to pass

"cybercafe" after it fed into

the worldwide Internet com-

puter network a banned book

on the late President François

Mitterrand's battle with

The book, which was put on

to the Internet by the owner

of the Cafe Web, Pascal Bar-

request of Mitterrand's fam-

THE United States Food cause it can have unpleasant and Drug Administration (FDA) yesterday approved cluding diarrhoea, and can deplete the body's stock of certain vitamins and nutrients. But the FDA decided olestra was safe enough for con-

sumers to decide for themselves whether to eat it. Olestra is a synthetic chemical made of sugar and vegetable oil. Its molecules are too large and tightly packed to di-

rand's doctor Claude Gubler

and says the president lied about his illness for 11 years.

were against the move to put

Le Grand Secret (The Big

The police inspector said

Secret) on the Internet.

Publishers Plon said they

French police eye cybercafe US to help

RENCH police said yester-day they had paid an in-formal visit to a provincial lt was written by Mitter-

braud, was banned at the sance visit" rather than a ju-request of Mitterrand's fam-dicial act. — Reuter.

Ever seen a real Mexican wave?

Well now's your chance. Win a trip to Mexico

for two, this Saturday in To Guardian.

through the body without clogging arteries or remain-ing as body fat. One ounce of crisps has 150

calories, but olestra crisps have just 60 calories. But olestra can act as a laxative, causing gastro-intestinal disturbances, and can rob the body of vitamins A, D, E and K. The FDA is requiring Procter & Gamble to supple

ment foods containing olestra with the four vitamins. - AP.

North Korea

THE United States is ready

to send humanitarian aid

to North Korea, where 130,000

people are reported to face starvation, a senior US offi-

Winston Lord, assistant

secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, told

a Manila news conference he

would discuss North Korea's

plight with Japanese and

outh Korean officials in

Mr Lord said UN missions

to North Korea were report-

ing serious shortages. "We

have to take this as being a

that more international aid is

needed to feed North Koreans

on the brink of starvation and

Mr Lord said: "I would

hope we could agree in res-

ponding in a humanitarian

very credible problem. The International Federa-

in bitter weather.

cial said yesterday.

Hawaii.

#### Iraq opposes US talks site

Iraq would like its talks with the United Nations on selling limited amounts of oil to be held outside the United States, diplomats in Baghdad

said yesterday. They said Iraq wanted the talks held away from the clamour of media and direct US supervision. — Reuter.

### Bahrain arrests

A London-based opposition group claimed yesterday that at least 2,000 people have been arrested in dawn raids and during clashes with police since renewed unrest erupted

Farrakhan in Libya The Libyan leader. Muammar Gadafy, held talks with visiting US black activist Louis Farrak han yesterday. - Reuter.

#### Bad blood

Ethiopian immigrants were enraged yesterday to learn that Israel's blood bank had for years been accepting their donations but disposing of their blood for fear of the Aids virus. A newspaper showed a picture of a blood unit marked: "Do not use because donor is from Ethiopia." — Reuter.

#### Little Hitler

An advertisement by a state tion of the Red Cross has said | run firm that appeared to eulogise Hitler was withdrawn from of one of India's most respected newspapers yesterliving in makeshift shelters day after protests from readers. "The Führer of the Third Reich was only five feet three inches tall," it said, "The most powerful pager is also the smallest." Reuter.

#### Chechen rebels release 45 hostages taken in Dagestan

CHECHEN rebels yester-day released 45 hostages seized in a raid in the Russian region of Dagestan, Itar Tass news agency said, quoting a

Dagestani official.
"Buses with 45 hostages crossed the Chechen-Dagestan border at around 1700 Moscow time [2pm GMT] in the direction of Khasavyurt." it quoted the head of the administration of the Khasavyurt district as saying.

the hostages had been handed over to Dagestani officials in the eastern Chechen town of Novogroznensky. The bodies of 42 rebels killed in last

week's raid were handed over to the Chechen rebels. been seized on January 9, when the rebels herded 2,000 people into a hospital in the Dagestan town of Kizlyar. Others had been seized in

the village of Pervomayskaya near the Chechen-Dagestan border, where the convoy of rebels and hostages was surrounded by Russian troops. Six Russian soldiers were killed and two wounded in attacks by separatist rebels on Russian positions in Cheyesterday afternoon, Interfax said. — Reuter.

#### Sauna trauma as sight of naked ladies has Finnish men steaming

visitors.

bodies in their traditionally segregated saunas, overheated Finnish men have behaved so badly that a sports complex offering mixed bathing has been forced to wall off the sexes, writes Jon Henley in

Helsinki. "We wanted an interna tional ambience, the first mixed sauna in town," said Mona Helin, a sales manager at the complex in ľoolo, a Helsinki suburb, They do it in other countries, why not here? We were obviously naive." Finns take an average 1.5

saunas a week. But men

JNACCUSTOMED to the and women rarely bathe sight of bare female together unless they are related, and the novelty of a mixed sauna was clearly too much for some male

> "When they first started wandering across to the women, we put up a rail-ing," Ms Helin said. "They walked round it, so we built a low partition. They jumped that too. Now we've got a five-foot bigh plateglass wall across the whole room and some of them still

manage to get over."

Ms Helin said the sauna
was refusing to admit men who try to cross the barrier. "It's either that or an electric fence." she said.

### Comeback Kid slays them

Against all odds, Bill Clinton's state of the union speech

was a hit, reports Martin Walker

RESIDENT Bill Clinton scored top marks yes terday as the American public and media digested his powerful state of the union address, delivered in the teeth of his wife's highly-publicised troubles over the Whitewater

"The president was at his best," Tom Gilliam, a Republican county chairman in Florida, said yesterday. "What struck me was the physical strength and vigour of a man in campaign mode — while Senator [Robert] Dole's

reply was lame and tired."

He added: "Republicans were calling round to each other after the speeches, and kind of wept on each other's shoulders. Clinton is going to be very, very hard to beat. And I think everyone in the country, whatever their politics, took their hat off to him for that moving tribute to his

During Tuesday night's address the president de-parted from his script to look up at his wife in the balcony. and salute her as "a wonder ful wife and magnificen mother and a great First Lady". Their daughter, Chel-sea, led a standing ovation, and courtesy left the Republi-cans little option but to rise

In Iowa, which holds the first presidential caucus of the election in just two weeks' pressed by the performance of Mr Dole, their elderly frontrunner, against Mr Clinton's confident borrowing of their better campaign themes.
"If Clinton vs Dole is the match in November, we are in

Rents, a member of the lowa legislature. "Clinton reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out something for everybody. He sounded like a Republican. Dole didn't project a future under Republicans." A straw poll on Connecticut Avenue in Washington yes terday revealed that most

people had watched Mr Clin-ton's speech, and found something to admire. Everyone recalled his statement about

uniforms, so kids stop shoot-ing each other for them fancy jackets. And then all the extra cops on the street — that's good stuff."

Stephen Ribachonek, a financial officer, said: "Til vote for him again after that speech. He came across as genuine, while the Republi-cans seem to have a hidden

But Mr Dole's speech in reply to the president's address, which suggested Mr Clinton always promised more than he could deliver, provoked some reaction. "Clinton promised us

without trace, and he promised to be the candidate of change, and nothing's changed that I can see, so I don't believe a word he says." said Jason Wild, an investment analyst.
"I think the president has

moved so far towards the Republicans that we can't really call him a Democrat

#### 'Republicans were calling round after and wept on each other's shoulders'

any more," said Philip Moser. retired librarian.

Nyrita Merrill, a black tered to vote for the first time last year, said: "Nothing the president said made me want to vote for him, except that he was so sweet to his wife. But I wouldn't vote Republican."

Mr Clinton's statement that "the era of big government is over" infuriated Republicans atching him claim the credit for what they see as their achievement in wringing from him a promise to balance the budget in seven years.
"The speech was about one

quarter Ronald Reagan, about two-thirds Lyndon Johnson and about 10 per cent George McGovern," said Newt Ging-rich, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. "Anybody could read the part they liked and be thrilled, or read the part they didn't like and be worried."

The media overwhelmingly declared Mr Clinton's speech a success, and Mr Dole's a disappointment. This was partly because expectations were rather low for a presidency overshadowed by the ordeal his wife.

Luther Willis, a caretaker.
said: "I liked what he said about bringing back school "Whitewater grand jury.

### European plan aims to pull **UN back from bankruptcy**

RITAIN and France un-veiled a plan yesterday to resolve the United Nations' financial crisis, involving an increase in contributions from Japan and Germany.
Put forward on behalf of the European Union, the detailed

proposals opened negotia-tions on revamping the UN's finances by the summer. The talks are part of a wider discussion about over-

hauling the UN, including the enlargement of the Security The European plan comes amid warnings that the UN -

hobbled by late payment, especially by the United States - will run out of money in The reform of current contributions to the UN's regular

and peacekeeping budgets is an attempt to meet Washington's objections that it is paying too much towards peacekeeping. Partly because of this, the US is \$1.2 billion (£750 million) in arrears. .

Under yesterday's propos-als. American contributions towards peacekeeping would drop from 31 per cent to

28.75 per cent of the peace-keeping budget.

The difference would be picked up mainly by Japan, whose share would rise from 15.6 to 17.7 per cent.

Its contributions to the regular budget would rise correspondingly.

The contribution of Britain.

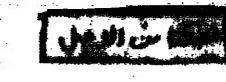
which gives about £160 million towards the regular and peacekeeping budgets, would be reduced slightly. Peacekeeping contributions from the G-77 bloc of 132 developing countries would rise from 1.9 per cent to 4.78 per cent British officials argue that

the plan is fair because it pro-poses an increase in contribu-tions from countries with high economic growth rates - such as the Asian tigers. Conversely, Russia, which has suffered grave economic deterioration, would enjoy a big drop in its contributions.

Because of the financial crisis, the UN secretary-general, Bourros Bourros-Ghali, has been forced to raid emergency peacekeeping funds to finance

routine expenses.

The crux of the problem remains late US payments. The Republican congress is in no hurry to pay up.



Sonzález issociate aces dirty War' trial

ian Traynor in Bonn

HANCELLOR Helmut Kohl yesterday launched an ambitious campaign to confronting Germany's slug-gish economy and to halve unemployment, now approaching 4 million, or 10 per cent of the workforce, by the end of the decade.

end of the decade.

A jobs summit in Bonn bringing together key government figures, trade union leaders, and industrial bosses approved an eight-page manifesto pledging all sides to a consensus in the battle for index and competitioners and competitioners and competitioners. jobs and competitiveness and in the wider long-term task of retooling the country's social and economic model for the next century.

"This is an important, positive signal, a good signal for everyone in Germany," said Friedrich Bohl, head of the

chancellor's office.

But amid an increasing sense of job insecurity, business gloom, and political paralysis, the challenges of converting yesterday's verbal assurances into concrete results look daunting.

The government and both sides of industry committed for a single European cur-rency, scheduled for launching at the beginning of 1999, and said it would boost growth and jobs across the

The proposals outlined yes-terday included tax breaks for new businesses, company tax changes, pensions and job training reform, and easier access to risk capital.

The unions promised wage restraint in return for employers taking on more

report on the economy for

Europe's key economy moves towards stagnation, if not recession, threatening to drag the rest of Europe, notably France, with it and jeopardis-ing the best-laid plans for monetary union by 1999, de-spite the ritual affirmations of faith in the project in

Falling consumption, a reluctance of foreigners to invest in Germany's high-price economy, the flight of capital and jobs abroad for the same reasons, an overvalued mark that is hurting exports and jobs, all leave the government

manoeuvre.
The constraints are worsened by the public spending cuts needed to bring the budget deficit down from 1995's 3.6 per cent to make the single-currency deficit ceiling

of 3 per cent by the end of next year. That leaves little to spare to

Independent analysts expect only 1 per cent growth this year, although next week's government report is expected to be a bit more

Official unemployment is scraping the 4 million point and rising, but the real numbers of those out of work is

nearer 6 million. "The time for talking is past," said Günther Rezrodt,

That is shown by the low foreign investment in Germany while German companies are

#### Poland's PM resigns after spy charges inquiry starts

HE Polish prime minister.
Jozef Oleksy, resigned yesterday after military pros-ecutors decided to launch an tions that he spied for Moscow.

against me and my party is doing harm to Poland's good name," Mr Oleksy said on television last night. Appear-

The resignation of Mr Oleksy, a former communist, government.

After military prosecutors said yesterday that alleged evidence of his contacts with foreign agents justified a formal investigation, his departure was midely account.

"I don't want anyone to sushind a high government posi-tion to cover anything up. I do not fear the investigation. I

prime minister early last year. The military prosecutor

army's brutal storming of Grozny. Wlodzimierz Pospiech, said that if the investigation At the same time a council investigation commis-sion reported that serious human rights abuses per-sisted in the Russian legal and police system.

Last September the council's assembly agreed to lift the suspension after the tentative ceasefire in Che-chenia. It is to vote on Rushis party colleague Alek-sander Kwasniewski, were part of "a brutal fight for power" by those who lost the sia's application today. But the human rights ad-

vocate Sergei Kovalyov, who resigned from the Russian government this week, called on the council to de-mand a Russian pledge to begin peace talks with Che-chen separatists and withlong-serving Soviet diplomat in Warsaw who turned out to be a KGB colonel. draw troops from Chechenia as conditions of entry.

"A negative vote would create a political curtain between the two parts of Europe," said the Communist Party leader, Gennady Zyuganov. "Russia is part of Europe, a legitimate child and not a bastard."

fleshed out next week when the cabinet unveils the fine print of its "action pro-gramme" for jobs and its

prime the economy and boost jobs and growth.

optimistic.

the economics minister. The manifesto said: "There is an acute need for action.

cottage in Obravac, the two women did the housework The vague wish-list is to be | increasingly moving abroad.

together, interrupting each other, arguing about dates and facts. But when the Serb

Looking back on her years

been missing ever since.

They sat by the wood stove in winter and talked. A strange relationship developed in which the Muslim woman's role alternated between prisoner, servant and companion.
On Tuesday, before they knew Mrs Hajruli would be freed, they had talked about the past like any couple who had lived through hard times

left the room, Mrs Hajruli pointed to her jaw and mouthed: "She beat me." in captivity, Mrs Hajruli was close to tears. "I was afraid

for my nerves, that I'd go crazy before I was let go." at the start of the war and has

wished peace of mind. "I want to ask from the bottom of my

commissioner, points out the inconvenient truth at the

heart of the Government's convenient Euroscepticism:

"It sometimes makes me im-patient that the representa-

tion of this place is one of a

great nosy-parkering bureau-

cracy issuing flats left, right and centre. There is insuffi-

without the assent of the min-isters of the European states."

Discounting the former prime minister's sour grapes, it is the accountability gap at

the heart of the EU's central

institutions which causes dis-

trust and suspicion, not just in Britain but throughout the

The parliament spends but

does not tax, its members are

remote and often disengaged from their electorates. The Council of Ministers wheels

deepest secrecy. And the com-mission and its leaders are

efit from? Does accountability

just mean saying No?

member states.

#### Russia set to join Council of Europe despite Chechen war

John Palmer in Brussels

Yeltsin's administration.

European governments

sin's standing before the presidential election this

summer. Mr Yeltsin said

this week that a refusal would deal a blow to pro-

Western reformers, but he

also vowed to step up the war against the Chechens.

The Russian government applied last year to join the

council, which is some-

times seen as an organisa-tion to help countries pre-pare politically for

cient consciousness that pare politically for there can be no European law eventual European Union

HE Council of Europe will today approve Russia's membership of the 38country organisation, westerday after military pros which was set up to ad-vance democracy and official inquiry into allegs human rights. But international concern about Russia's human rights record "A propaganda uproar and its war against the Chechens increased yesterday after the resignation of a

leading human rights offi-cial from President Boris ing emotional and angry, he said: "In the name of reasons of state, I am resigning." want the parliamentary as-sembly of the Strasbourg-based Council of Europe to

came as no surprise after accept Russia as a member in the hope that it will shore up President Yeltweeks of acrimonious and often wild accusations against the leftwing coalition

> ture was widely expected. "I resign because I am inno-cent," Mr Oleksy told Poles.

need it."

He was parliament's Speaker before he became membership. But its application was suspended in protest at the Russian

> resulted in formal charges, prosecutors would seek the lifting of his parliamentary immunity. The maximum penalty he could face is death. Mr Oleksy said the accusa-tions, which first surfaced in December as Lech Walesa handed over the presidency to

He has, however, admitted having close social contacts with Vladimir Alganov, a

Mr Walesa said yesterday that the wider issue was the close ties that ex-communists had forged with Soviet offi-cials when Warsaw was Moscow's satellite. These, he warned, could now be ex-ploited by the Russians.

What makes Heat as much an event as a movie is that it teams Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, American cinema's two raging bulls turned sacred cows - and that's all the

high-concept pitch it needs. Jonathan Romney



Shared grief . . . Sadika Hajruli, right, a Muslim, is told by her sister that their mother died during Sadika's three-year incarceration by a Serb woman

### One-woman camp frees its sole prisoner

**Julian Borger** in

Obravac reports on a Serb mother's long war of attrition

the cottage at the crest of the hill in this Serb was Bosnia's smallest, strang-est prison camp. Under its red-tiled roof, a single jailer watched over a single pris-oner. Both were women made

desperate by the war. It was like a dark, Balkan fairy tale. Tomanija Kukricar - aged 72, white-haired but one evening that izeta could not bear to break the news.

Their sick mother had tried to hang on long enough to see She would ply them with peace agreement, all prisons of the house with them is the news.

She would ply them with them is the news on the prisons as she ushered guests inside.

She would ply them with the present the food and letters, but they sever managed to soften Mrs let her down.

She often vented her anger the down.

Red Cross workers said yes oner. But yesterday Mrs Hajruli's rull — pressed by a Bosnian captive for someone else, but they release could have broken a logiam in the complex negotians. baked potatoes, biscuits and brandy while, a few feet below, her prisoner of war spent

the night in a damp

Sadika Hajruli, aged 52, is a mong them, and it broke her car such of living in a Serb suburb of Sarajevo when the war had refused to free her cap "H

started. The Muslim-led govtook her to Mrs Kukricar.

They said her incarceration would last only five days, but that was back in February 1993. Mrs Hajruli was freed on Tuesday night as a small but significant part of the Bosnian peace process. Yesterday she sat weeping

tered and only 225 were

takes a look at the

shaped the future of the EU.
It is the most unusual cross

think-tank in the world.

Commission

ernment imprisoned Mrs Kukricar's daughter, a Serb activist, so the Serb police came looking for a hostage. They found Mrs Hajruli and

at her sister's house in Sarajevo. Her sister Izeta had just told her that their mother had died a few days earlier. Mrs Hajruli had been so overjoyed about her freedom the previ-

ers were supposed to have been freed on Friday, but at the last moment the deal fal. Dika and they s tered and only 225 were dojka would come in a few released. Sadika was not days. I said no," Mrs Kukri-

#### who had had contact with extremist Muslim groups, might be in Bosnia. actually trying to get into US facilities". US intelligence indicated Mr Perry said the US would not train and arm

UNITED STATES troops in Bosnia are on "high alert" for possible extremist attacks, the defence secretary, William Perry, said

The order follows a warning that extremists, including an American believed and suggested that an

dojka was released. Red Cross workers would make the detour to the house on their rounds of Bosnia's prison camps, bringing parcels of food and letters, but they

"They wanted me to give up Dika and they said my Ra-

Bosnian government forces until all foreign troops, in-cluding Islamic volunteers, had left. — Reuter. to be in Bosnia, might American - identified as tive until her daughter Ra- | have her in our house.' But he let her go. Now she is in Mus-lim Sarajevo, and my Radojka

US troops on alert for 'extremist attacks'

is still in Muslim prison." Mrs Kukricar railed against the Muslims, the

ations over prisoners of war. Radojka Kukricar could be out in the next 48 hours, they her nerve, and I wasn't r said. But Mrs Kukricar had hurt," Mrs Hajruli said.

heard it all before.

an to take lightly. She keeps a sharpened axe behind the kitchen door.

fallback position? If not,

where does that leave the commission?" Ask whether this commissioner believes

there will be monetary union

But accountability remains elusive. Sir Leon Brittan, a

former Conservative cabinet

minister and Britain's senior commissioner, says a touch

### will kill them, and then I will kill myself," she cried. Mrs Kudricar is not a wom

Kevin Holt or Cleven Holt,

"Sometimes she was good,

### ing her former jailer. "It was only when she lost her nerve, and I wasn't really

### among them, and it broke her car said. In the end, she was mother's heart, Izeta said. Until the end, Mrs Kukricar Law. "If my daughter is not when she was relaxed. She heart that her daughter will be released in the next three would say I was not guilty, be released and that everydays, and anyone comes here but then neither was her thing will be finished. None

### "He said: 'Mother, we will and it is not my daughter, I daughter." The bureaucrats we love to hate

#### González associate faces 'dirty war' trial

Adela Geoch in Madrid

THE Spanish supreme court yesterday charged a former interior minister and close associate of the prime minister, Felipe González, with involvement in the 1980s "dirty war" against Basque separatists, severely damaging the ruling Socialist Par-

ty's electoral prospects.

José Barrionuevo will be tried after the election for kidnapping, misappropriation of state funds and membership of an illegal armed band. The court found evidence of his involvement in the 1983 kidnapping of a French business man by the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups (GAL) — a front for security forces and hired gunmen who killed 37 people during the "dirty

The severity of the charges against Mr Barrionuevo, interior minister during the than to cite rules on bent barrior. rior minister during the period the GAL gunmen were active, is a heavy blow to the Socialists, who are trailing in the polls with six weeks to go to the general election.

The investigating magistrate Reduction Monor had

The investigating magistrate, Eduardo Moner, had been expected to bring one charge at most against him, but the former minister now faces up to 40 years' prison. His conviction would have serious repercussions for Mr Gonzalez, establishing a direct link between the government and the GAL.

The prime minister has denied that he or any member of his administration knew dust.

his administration knew dust.

The commission — once memorably described as a civil service with attitude civil service with attitude to the knew of the Kurp. uevo is innocent.
The Socialist Party said is at the heart of the Euro-

there were no plans to drop Mr Barrionuevo from the list of candidates in the March 3 election.

The indictment brings the affair closer to Mr González lors in the 1980s, its attitudes paign gift for the opposition and its leader. José Maria Aznar, who opinion polls say think-traik in the world

It is the most anasual cross As civil services go, the maybe it is time for consolidation, in which case Jacques Santer really is what John with the grand design but Major said haves the maybe it is time for consolidation. In which case Jacques Santer really is what John executive power in Brussels

think it should be more like Whitehall and less like a ing school. If it has a political role it needs to be more

project has been nothing less than the future of Europe. It single market and promoted enlargement. Its immediate In the last of a series goal is economic and mone tary union, which many— even in its highest echelons, on European Union whatever President Jacques institutions. Santer says - now doubt will Stephen Bates

happen.
And yet the commission is the size of one of the more obscure Whitehall departments: fewer than 9,000 people plus 5,000 translators to serve the 368 million inhab-HERE is no easier way to rouse a red-blooded British audiitants of the EU. By comparison, the Department for Edu-

5.500 staff. diture. Only 5 per cent of the commission's outlay goes on administrative costs to fund

is, and partly because the commission is made up of foreigners.
The Government is making

This is what makes it so also with the lorry transit man in the right place at the alien and dangerous in the permit agreement, secretive minds of Eurosceptics. They yet surprisingly open in A non-British commissioner, points out the inconvenient truth at the

president's benchmen that

they worked all hours.

those apparently lavish

a tardy effort to get more Brit-ish civil servants recruited, but so far with limited suc-cess. "The British tend to cess. The British tend to think you should win through fair play, they don't network like the Italians and Spanish do," one British civil servant said. "The Spanish commis-sioners are busy filling their departments with Spaniards, but we still think that's

releasing information; merit-ocratic and yet filling senior sloner said: "I cannot work out what Santer's game plan is. He's just said that mone-tary union is close to the cenposts by national quotas. The bureaucracy has always been variable: all actre of his heart, but that's terribly dangerous. What if it doesn't work? Does he have a

The commission's grand

Some of the old French civil-service-type arrogance remains — knowing what is smugly, knowing he will

cation and Employment has We all know it spends billions: actually about 1.2 per cent of the combined gross domestic product of its member states and less than 2 per cent of the EU's total public expen-

lifestyles.

So why all the fuss? Partly
because Brussels sounds so
foreign, despite being closer
to London than Manchester

rather beneath us."

knowledge some real high-fly-ers, but also duds imposed by the quotas. There is a strict pecking order and promotion Things are more relaxed now than in Mr Delors' day, when a word out of place could lead to dismissal and on January 1 1999, and the word "no" is mouthed. the staff were so fearful of the

There was a sudden loss of confidence after the Danish referendum. 'You could

see the colour drain from Delors' face'

best for the people of Europe without making any inconve-plent reference to them — but The bureaucrats are unhappy about being so disliked and are trying to work out why. They allow the police in now to investigate fraud and no longer insist on diplomatic immunity. Per Knudsen, the Danish head of the fraud unit, has been allowed to double

they are tracking down a quarter of a billion scus embezzled from the EU each year, mainly in fraudulent aid applications. There is a wind of change. Maybe the commission is suf-fering from a lack of confi-

has been allowed to double

his staff (to 130) and reckons

dence after the heady days of Mr Delors.
One official said there was a sudden loss of confidence after the Danish referendum on the Maastricht treaty. "You could see the colour drain from Delors' face. We need to take people with us;

on windswept doorsteps: "I am a politician, not a civil servant. I think the foundation of the commission was extremely ingenious: it is be-cause it is charged with putting forward proposals and giving a certain dynamism that it is a political institution. I personally would be quite happy to stand for

Of course, he does not have to. The 20 commissioners are appointed for five-year terms by their national governments, largely from the ranks of senior politicians. The president can offer them portfolios but has no power to discipline or sack them. The commissioners are in charge of a civil service which is itself not elected and not answerable to the citizens in

lection."

and regulations. Baroness Thatcher has fam-ously jeered that Neil Kinnock was unable to get him-

not really responsible to anybody.

Britain supports enlargement, to offer membership to the states of eastern Europe. With that will inevitably come more majority voting unanimity will not be practicable if anything is ever to get done. The present Government accepts majority rule at home, so why not in the club it wants to belong to and ben-

whose name it proposes laws

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bankruptcy

aims to pull

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### **Breaking the deadlock**

Senator Mitchell has produced a valuable report

the differences over weapons decommissioning in Northern Ireland seemed to have become intractable going on irreconcilable. Yesterday, within hours of the publication of the Mitchell report, they seemed to just blow away. By yesterday evening fresh clouds were beginning to gather, but the change of mood and the new spirit of optimism were unmistakable. By proposing a series of tough conditions for all parties entering future political talks, and by floating the possibility of an election to precede those talks, Senator Mitchell and his colleagues have done exactly what was required of them. They have got the deadlocked parties off the decommissioning hook they had been on

It would be wrong, however, to see the Mitchell report as merely a tactical contrivance. It also casts a genuinely fresh eye on the old problems. It sets out a coherent and pragmatic way of moving to proper talks by emphasising that the participants must sign up to six principled commitments. It lists a series of clear steps by which decommissioning can take place alongside the talks process. It underlines other important truths that any reasonable participant ought to accept, including a recognition of the need for an amnesty and for further action on prisoners, as well as a rebuttal of Sinn Fein's mischievous attempt to treat paramilitary and security force weaponry as equivalent. All this confirms the wisdom of inviting an international perspective to be brought into the Northern Ireland negotiations. Those who created the international body have done well.

The most immediate and grateful beneficiary of this process was undoubtedly the British government. Until yesterday, Britain was tied to the mast by Sir Patrick Mayhew's Washington speech last year, the third condition | the seeds of future confrontations.

IMPASSE - what impasse? Last year of which required a beginning to weapons decommissioning before Sinn Fein and its loyalist equivalents could enter all-party political talks. For months, "Washington Three" had been London's irreducible condition for progress. Yesterday there was very little mention of Washington Three during a long and consensual hour of exchanges in the Commons. John Major seized on the brief 56th paragraph of the Mitchell report to propose that pre-negotiation elections can be a credible alternative route for the paramilitaries to reach the conference table. Conservative backbenchers who as recently as yesterday morning had claimed that Washington Three was non-negotiable suddenly went quiet. When it came to it, the Conservatives clearly preferred progress to preconditions.

But we are not out of the wood yet. The satisfied all-party mood at Westminster is not as hegemonic as it may appear. Even yesterday it was some-what punctured by the SDLP's allegations that the government has chosen David Trimble's preferred solutions largely in order to secure Unionist support in the Commons. Sinn Fein's initial welcome for Mitchell also grew more guarded after Mr Major's statements. There is a danger that nationalist and republican opinion, suspicious of the implications and consequences of an election which will confirm their minority status in Northern Ireland, will dig in against this approach. Any election will be a credibility contest in the Catholic north between the SDLP and Sinn Fein, with much at stake for both parties. Southern Irish politicians who welcomed the report yesterday may find that the way that it has been accepted in London carries a sting in the tail for their longterm aspirations. The Mitchell report has freed up the peace process, but it may also contain



fee for students starting university this Autumn. And that's if they are lucky enough, with the recent freeze on numbers, to find a place. Faced with the steepest cuts since 1981, university vice chancellors are holding an emergency meeting next week having already held a summit with student leaders and lecturers last week. Savage though the 1981 squeeze was — labelled "illiterate, innumerate, miserable, negative and philistine" by Robert Rhodes James, the eminent Conservative backbencher - the 1996 cuts are more serious. They follow 15 years of cuts and "efficiency savings". The point at which financial already been reached. A 25 per cent years, is now to be succeeded by 12 per cent over the next three. No wonder the Tories have invented a new education strategy à la Harman: divert and rule.

University heads are uniting behind a "graduate tax" as the solution to their underlying funding problems. A Guardian survey of 23 of the 104 vice-chancellors published today shows overwhelming support for this Australian approach, under which students repay part of their tuition and maintenance costs at university once they begin to earn above a set level. Compared to the would be cheaper to administer, less likely to deter. raise more revenue and

FORGET selection at 11, there is a be far more equitable. But the scheme much more serious problem facing would need legislative action. Labour secondary school pupils: a possible £300 has yet to produce a higher education paper but has been as reluctant as the Tories to support the graduate tax. That the university vice chancellors are uniting behind the scheme is good news. They, too, have been divided shredding one radical plan and still consulting on another. In the last decade Britain has moved from an elite to a mass system of higher education. It is time it was properly funded.

The £300 entry fee for new students is a one-off emergency proposal from the vice chancellors to meet this Autumn's cash crisis. It should be opposed. So should the other option under discussion: boycotting quality control procecuts affect the quality of courses has dures. The fee would shut out students of high promise by deterring people reduction in funding over the past five from poor homes — and prompt a non payment campaign on the campus destroying the present unity. The boycott would be equally counter productive. easily dismissed by ministers as a selfserving tactic by vice chancellors wanting to cover up their inadequacies. More imagination is needed. And who better to provide it than students, who have far more experience in seeking to mobilise public support. A united march, begowned vice chancellors in their ermine alongside bejeaned students outside Parliament, would be a start. The aims should be twofold: current loan system, a graduate tax maintain unity and ensure the public knows who is to blame: pusillanimous politicians who have passed the buck.

### Mr Bingley starts a price war

Building societies staying mutual may see virtue rewarded

per cent — the lowest for 25 years — the businesses as well as between corporations. Mutual companies - owned by customers rather than outside shareholders - were spawned from Viclooked endangered as one after another opted for PLC status enabling them to provoked a scramble to open new accounts to qualify for a pot of gold.

THE EMPIRE strikes back. By cutting | laugh. As long as they control costs mortgage rates by 0.25 per cent to 7.24 they are more competitive than banks because they don't shell out half of their Bradford & Bingley will remind people | profits as dividends. Instead, like B & B. that there is plenty of life left in mutual | they can use the cash to reduce interest societies as long as they exploit their rates or give bonuses to loyal deposihistoric competitive advantage. Publicors: According to Bank of England licly quoted companies are, of course, a | figures the average interest rate Good Thing, but that doesn't mean they | charged by building societies on deposshould take over the world. British Gas its has been about one per cent below isn't the only role model. There should that of the banks during the past 10 be competition between types of years. Some might have done even better if they hadn't followed the banks into ill-advised diversifications like estate agency. If mutual societies sit tight there may be a renaissance around the torian self-help. Recently they have corner. Once the tidal wave of money chasing building societies most likely to convert into PLCs has run its course, distribute their reserves as shares. This | that money will be looking for a permanent home. If the traditional building societies continue to undercut the Mutual societies that remain loyal to banks then the tidal wave may come their noble ideals may have the last back home again. To mutual advantage.



#### Letters to the Editor

### needs refining

PROFESSOR Joseph Rot-blat (Going to war on war, January 23) writes that "all inhabitants of the globe are becoming like one family". From the family's point of view, peace is a common interest and should over-ride all others. However, in our global free-market economy it clearly does not. On the contrary, war is a very profitable business. Rotblat's human family will remain a dream unless we address the root

Marguerite Morgan. 24 Hammett Court. Wyesham Road, Gwent NP5 3JQ.

To AboLISH war, Rothlat seeks to "create a new mind-set", which turns out to be the old mind-set in a new guise; delete "loyalty to nation" and insert "loyalty to mankind". But it a special mankind". But in a world where so many other species are being exploited or exterminated, "my species, right or wrong" is not much better than "my country, right or

wrong". Philip Lloyd Lewis. 57F Mailard Road, Bournemouth BH8 9PJ.

following adaptation to Rotblat's final paragraph: "At a time when the action of a single species may endanger the whole planet, it is imperative to develop a loyalty to a greater whole."

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### **Nursery fare**

YOU are right to highlight the fact that the nursery youthers programme will help those who need it least (Tory disquiet over vouchers undermines Shephard's taunts, January 23). The big-gest beneficiaries are those who are already paying for a nursery education. They will win the education lottery to

the tune of £1,100.

But what of the parents who can't afford to "top up" the voucher to buy a private nursery place? Many will get a voucher only to find that they can't cash it in The Government's "light

touch" inspection regime will make it easy for the private, quick-buck merchants to set up shop in second-rate facili-ties without worrying about the quality of teaching. It would have been far better to expand nursery educa tion by building on what local education authorities have al-

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ready put in place. Mark Oakes.

### A Nobel cause; Power at a shocking price Major and other needs refining

inadequate staffing and a tol-erance for exorbitant rates of profit make British utility regulation feeble compared to that in America. He neglects that in America, he neglects to mention, however, an important feature of the American public-utility system: the spectre of local socialism. Some 13 per cent of US residential electricity customers receive their power from suppliers owned by local government agencies. A small proment agencies. A small pro-portion, perhaps, but an American city has the right to purchase its electrical distri-bution system.

Since the public systems deliver power at a slightly lower cost (in part because of preferpart because there are no shareholders to pay dividends to), the voters can find this tempting. Professor Aifred Kahn, probably the leading American expert on regula-tion, believes that the exam-ple of existing publicly owned atilities, together with the threat of local public take-over, has done much more

POS COWARD (A stake-hold in exploitation and poverty, January 22) writes of

the working class as having been written out of the script

partly because no one knows

what it is any more".
Indeed. This correspondent

- one-time potato-picker, builder's labourer, bank

clerk, shop-floor-progress

chaser, sales clerk, soldier, student, teacher and socialist

- has never entertained any

doubts. But then, up to my retirement I had always found myself obliged to sell what skills I possessed in exchange for a wage or a salary. Ergo, I am, and have always considered myself to be, a

member of the working class.

As for the so-called middle class: even supposing such a

creature exists within advanced capitalism, who, on

reflection, would seriously

wish to be so categorised? Have we no pride that we

should deny our true eco-nomic class status in order to

pursue such demeaning one

North Yorkshire BD23 5EZ.

REGORY Palast (City than regulation to reduce spaces, January 18) may electricity prices.

Which raises a question countants and lawyers who

about the advisability of regu-lated private monopolies in a state as centralised as Brit-ain. Would the Government be willing to let the voters of Bradford, or Greater London, purchase their local electrical distribution systems for the fair value of the assets? Frederick Guy. ESRC Centre for

Dept of Applied Economics, University of Cambridge, Cambridge CB3 9DE UK

THE exchange of views on regulation between Greg-ory Palast and Stephen Littlechild made several references to the price of electricity which need elaborating. With over 50 regulatory bodies across the US, national comparisons with the UK are unsound, whereas a direct price comparison between New York and London customers is more revealing. A typical London household pays 9p for a kilowatt-hour of electricity while the New Yorker pays nearly 17p. No doubt the extra

CAN someone explain to me why Guardian writers

(self-evidently middle-class)

assume that Guardian read-ers (overwhelmingly middle-

class) enjoy their habit of call-

ing everything they most despise "middle-class"?

It's difficult to know what

the alternative to being middle-class is if you are a

Guardian reader. If more of

us were working class, pre

sumably the Guardian's ad-

vertising director would com-

plain. Should we all be upper-

class? Would we not then

Guardian writers seem to

reserve their worst scorn for those aspiring to become

middle-class. I'm not a psy-

choanalyst, but does this not

indicate a worrying level of self-contempt? "You scum!

You want to be like me?" It

would seem perverse to "as-pire" to be working-class —

or again, perhaps not?

Robert Dudley.

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8 Abbotstone Road,

switch to another paper?

I SAID : 'I DON'TJUSTHATE

MYSELF- I HATE YOU, TOO

Confused, bottom of the class

live off the back of the US reg-ulatory system.

Philip Daubeney Electricity Association. ondon SW1P 4RD.

SO the Regional Electricity Companies are giving a one-off discount of 250 to all domestic electricity customers. Those of you who pay your accounts by quarterly bill will receive this windfall in the form of a cheque; but the rest of us, who obtain our electricity via pre-paid me-ters, are being sent, by recorded delivery, electricity tokens to the value of 250. This not only implies that we cannot be trusted with cash, but ensures the every penny of this largesse, which we supplied in the first place, is returned intact to the RECs reinforcing the idea that if one is poor, one deserves to be treated shabbily.

Billie Campbell. LA Ashfield Avenue

Be prepared

YOUR leader (January 24) makes flattering reference to my Llandudno speech 15 years ago, and seeks to contrast Mr Ashdown's speech as: "Do not prepare for gov-ernment, but for a share in government." There is in fact no such contrast. My senence, "Go back to your constituencies and prepare for government," has been so often wrenched out of context as to suggest that I envisaged an overall Liberal majority.

Of course, I did nothing of the kind. This was simply a rhetorical flourish at the end of a speech arguing that we should be part of the next government. It would scarcely have sounded an effective rallying call to say: "Go back to your constituencies and prepare for a share in govern-ment," but no one present could doubt that that was

what was meant. Paddy Ashdown's elaboration on the same theme is all the more cogent, as you recog-Tory government. It is not, as you described, "a scaled-down vision".

Sir David Steel. House of Commons London SW1A BAA.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number.

### hypocrites

So JOHN MAJOR is getting tough on hypocrisy, is he (Simon Hoggart Sketch, January 24)? What will he do about the people in his party who persistently bleat about "the threat to national soverging," need by the EU or a eignty" posed by the EU or a Scottish parliament, but who don't give a damn about other

Foreigners are taking over the Royal Train and the Royal Mail. They are buying into our rail network, our water and electricity supplies, even our National Lottery. They control large chunks of British industry. Don't they pose a threat to national

sovereignty? An extra-terrestrial force is gobbling up the coverage of sport on TV. Rumour has it that Murdoch is actually human being — Australian by birth, American by citizenship. Either way, doesn't his grip on the British media threaten our sovereignty? And what about Conservative Party finances, boosted by do-nations of tycoons from Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Hong Kong? Will the party's will-ingness to accept these donations have no effect on national sovereignty? Major's trouble is that he spots hypocon the Opposition benches: he is oblivious to displays on his own side. Can you get more hypocritical than that? Eric Alexander.

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CONGRATULATE Nigel Gann (Letters, January 24) on the diligence of his research. These were the facts of the matter: when our fourth child was allocated to Islington Green School, we sought a place for him at Woodberry Down, another comprehensive, where his brother, sister and foster brother were already pupils. (Prof) David Donnison. 23 Bank Street, Glasgow G12 8JQ.

WRONG again. My son's school, Liverpool Blue Coat, is not a grant-main-tained school (Six of the best who embarrass Labour, January 22). Quite the reverse. When there was an attempt to take the school into the GM sector I was prominently in-volved in the campaign which kept the school as a local authority comprehensive. Peter Kilfoyle MP.

London SW1A 0AA More Harriet Harman letters on Page 10

#### What's wrong with the railways (continued)

upmanship? Richard Cooper.

l Caxton Garfh, Threshsfield, Skipton,

Preston on January 18 (Rail companies 'charging too much for tickets', January 3). At the time, my 8.40 train was deemed to be in the later cheap-rate period and I was told that my credit card would be debited with £38. Now I find that BR wants £96. having moved the cut-off time back to 8.30. Andrew Radford. 3 Kerridge Close, Cambridge CB1 2QW.

ASKED for a train to get me from Bly to Manchester by lam. I was told by the National Rail Enquiry Service to go via Leeds with changes at Peterborough and Leeds. Only when I asked cated and I was given a form | Wirral L63 4JD.

reason for the initial junk in-formation? "The computer gives the train nearest to your chosen arrival time." Richard Freeman.

55 Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 1XA. WISHED to travel by rail

from Feltham to Leamington Spa via London and was told the only fare available was £51. At Marylebone, I spotted posters offering Lon-don to Learnington Spa, any day, any train, £17 for a day return. On querying this, I was told to ask for a refund when I returned to Feltham, After much searching in fare tables, the £17 fare was lo-

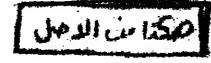
BOOKED a ticket by tele- what had happened to the to obtain a refund. The staff phone on December 22 to direct train, was I told that, were very helpful and were travel between London and yes, I could go direct. Their keen to ensure I paid the best fare. The problem seems to rest with the electronic ticket machines. Who will oversee this after privatisation? Peter Meehan. 81 Hanover Avenue, Feltham, Middx TW18 4JR.

> READ with some amuse ment of British Rail attempt ing to fine passengers for fail-ing to complete their journey. As I travelled from Liverpool to London on a return ticket costing £32 (single £40), a question sprang to mind: would I be fined for sneakly discarding the return? Martin Senior. Rising Sun Cottage,

Surely we don't want John Major's "classless society"? A Country Diary Or do we? Yours (from the bottom of the class),

> the east coast was memorable for the amount of wildlife seen, beginning with the so-called haul out of common seals in the Cromarty Firth. The expression implies that the seals drag themselves up on to mud and sand banks and, while they are capable of doing this, the end result is more simple. They simply sit on a bank at the shallowest part as the tide is ebbing and by the time the tide is at its lowest the seals can be many yards away from water. Birds of prey on the trip included a pair of red kites looking very interested in a copse, a sparrow hawk chasing small birds and a buzzard being mobbed by two hooded crows. Near the delightfully named Arabella a herd of whooper swans were grazing but they were very nervous, as if they had been moved on by people more interested in their farm crops. There were 60 adults and only seven juve-niles so it looked as though Iceland had not gone well. At

TARBETNESS: The drive up | Rockfield there were five male and one female golden-eye and a single guillemot reminded me that dead auks, including little auks, have been washed up along this coast in the previous week or so. Tarbetness produced its usual flock of eiders plus a single male long-tailed and a slim looking red-throated diver in winter plumage. The nearby village of Portmaho-mack had, until recently, two icehouses but the one I had often photographed in the past had unfortunately been destroyed for reasons of safety. I had never seen the other - listed - icehouse but enquiries at the post office soon revealed structure although, as the villager said: "It is not much to photograph." I was told that there was a hole in the top where they used to drop in the ice but I took their word for this interesting fact. I wonder why such a small village would have two icehouses only about two hunlast year's breeding season in dred yards from each other? RAY COLLIER



HE career of my old friend Mad Frankie Fraser blossoms. When last we met him, in December, he was about to star in the Chas'n' Dave Christmas show in Leysdown, Kent. This, he tells me, was a triumph ("it was lovely to have the families in"), and instantly his showbiz career has slipped into a higher gear. Until now, Frankie has been bethow, rrankie has been bet-ter known for a long and distinguished career in vio-lent crime (most memora-bly as "the dentist" in the Richardson torture trial), and at the age of 71 Mad and, at the age of 71. Mad Frankie stands on the verge of movie stardom. Yes, it's true," he says. "I'm playing myself in the story of my life, based on my autobiography, Mad Frank. It all takes place on a train, in a flashback. It's great." But there's more.

'I'm also in this movie. called Hard Men, that will be out before Christmas. I play a godfather; it's one of the starring roles. The only trouble is, it ends up with me getting shot. I've never been shot before in a film. Of course, I have been shot four times in real life." But will he be doing any killing? "The only guy I kill." he says, "is a reporter from the Guardian. Ha ha ha ha ha. I'm only joking. Ha ha

OW some lessons in the categorical de-nial. Gerald Hinks, Gillingham council's press officer, has written to deny rumours that Gillingham Council uses closed-circuit television cameras in public conveniences. He admits the council owns a mobile video camera, but vows that "it has never been operated inside conve-niences". You see, no room for argument.

pompous friend Dr Julian Lewis, the fearless searcher of the airwaves for anti-Tory bias, reaches day seven, and my fears grow by the hour. It is a week since I left my viting him to discuss the law suit brought against David Price, and still he has not replied. Such rudeness is quite out of character, and I cannot bring myself to contemplate the possibility that he has been abducted, and sold to a Bedouin slave ring. Unless news of a positive sighting of Dr Lewis is received very soon, Scotland Yard and Interpol will be alerted.

EATLY twisting the old newspaper saw about what makes news, a dog has shot a man in Kentucky. While Philip Smith of Martin County was hunting, his spaniel Rusty stepped on the trigger of a shotgun and blasted him in both legs. Now that Mr Smith is recovering in hospital, a wave of sympathy breaks gently over him. 'It's not funny that the guy got shot," says Sheriff Darriel Young. "but it's kind of funny how he got shot."

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ROM Bergen in Norway comes news that Dr Ingvard Wilhelmsen is having remarkable success treating hypochon driacs. Rather than show them disdain in the orthodox, text-book manner, Dr Wilhelmsen is all sympathy and reassurance - and it is reported that already he has completely cured a ach cancer, while another who had no semblance at all of a brain tumour is in remission. The football agent Eric Hall, one of our top-ranked hypochondri-acs was out when I called, almost certainly at the doctor's. "I do go to the doctor monster often, it's true," he once told me. "The last time I went, he said, Eric, where have you been? I haven't seen you for a fort-night.' I said, 'Well, doctor, I haven't been very well.'"

HE brochure for the forthcoming series of lectures at the ICA in London has arrived. Charles Rutheiser's "Imagineering Atlanta" sounds intriguing, and so does Stu-art Morgan's "Oblivion or Bolivian: what is wrong with Bolivian art?" Also well worth catching, I imagine, is the talk on "What is philosophy?", to be given on March 20 by Jean-Luc Nancy.



### Spare us the sanctimony on the road to Bromley

#### Commentary

#### Hugo Young

ARRIET Harman is perhaps fortunate that her son, Joe, perhaps fortunate that her son, Joe, isn't one year younger. If he was 11 next year not this, she might be making her family decision about his schooling in a context that exposed her ambiguities. ities more starkly: not as a minor shadow spokesperson

would alter the politics of her situation. And it's the scenario to be considered. Now she can just about shelter behind the years of Tory failure. She may have had a hard time making this stick. The contrast between her words against selection and her action in taking advantage of it is so obvious as to require an even larger dose than usual of the moral obtuseness sometimes necessary for po-litical survival. Only very special people could live com-fortably with the agonised arguments Labour leaders are deploying to render the con-

in a government elected by a large of State, Southwark would be no talk-out other large majority to change the schools remain sufficiently than the base assertion that world. bad to drive any enterprising parent to seek an alternative. If Labour had come to power, this situation wouldn't

ve changed. It will not change for many years. More money, which Labour in any case isn't promising, will not quickly re-make Southwark schools into temples of mot-vated learning. But Secretary of State Harman would face a challenge that could not be so blithely, indeed ruthlessly, evaded. A shadow minister may be impotent, but a Cabi-net member in a government pledged against the principle of selection could not defy that policy in her private life and look even her most cyni-cal colleagues in the face. The clear enough that after 16 excuse of powerlessness

than the base assertion that until the education system was perfectly and completely reformed, prating about a be lief in reform imposed no ob-ligations. That might be good enough for the private citizen. It's the kind of logic chopping that has seen many a dinner-party enemy of public schools send her son to Eton. But from a governing minister, even in this age of

lowered expectations, it would not be good enough. Some inconsistencies between public and private are acceptable, or at least surviv-able. Nobody's perfect. A one-off misfortune with the breathalyser doesn't mean a politician should be disquali-fled from voting to toughen the drink-driving law. Even

Street, when all else had actly what David Blunkett failed, wouldn't necessarily discredit a Labour politician whose stock in trade was the we do know, however, is that whose stock in trade was the passionate defence of the NHS. And adultery, the most familiar outpost of public-private conflict, is an entirely discretionary political crime. But an attitude to schools is systemic not episodic, and the test it makes of public-private. test it makes of public-private consistency stretches over six years not six weeks. In no other area do the choices facing the politician more exact-ly mirror those of other people, or make a bigger statement of social priorities which others can compare

with their own.
Part of Ms Harman's problem, and ours, is that Labour's policy, as distinct from its attitude, is not clear. Under Mr Blair, it wants to satisfy the aspirations of the fortunate as well as the underprivileged. It's the enemy of levelling-down to the lowest common brow, and wants a policy for excellence. It wants to end the worst forms of selection — the hor-ror of the 11-plus, as well as "social" selection — without suppressing the ambitions of the Harmanised, or for that matter the Blairite, classes. This means that Labour's policy is a mess. Nobody on resplendent Cabinet minister | years, and eight Tory Secre | would have gone. There | an emergency visit to Harley | the ground has discovered ex-

grammar and grant-main-tained schools are settled as anathema to the Labour Party. The last party conference showed that non-selection is almost all that survives of old-fashioned Labour idealism in any area of policy. It was the issue on which a large coalition of neither the politically correct nor the Trottish trouble-makers, but of straightfoward Labour be-lievers, made a plain and passionate statement to the

leadership. So we know what Labour's attitude is, and the leader has not repudiated it. The policy is obscure, but the ambition is strong. How, in the event, it will be enacted remains a mystery, Meanwhile, Ms Harnot responsible, has a kind of tortuous public credibility. She invites us to think well of her as a parent who has made choice "thousands of the should be spared the sanctiment which pretends there others", as she says, have made as well. And in that capacity, let her bask. . As a minister presumptive.

ing to impose new rules, they should either give a lead in following them or withdraw from politics. Conservative ministers of education have set the opposite precedent. Tories who talk about Ms Harman's hypocrisy do so with the unique authority of with the infigue authority of people who have spent a de-cade-and-a-half lauding the brilliant successes of the state education system they pre-side over while almost uni-versally disdaining to send any of their children into it. It was simularly righ to see the was singularly rich to see the old smirker, Kenneth Baker, number three in the line of Education Secretaries, cast the first stone against Mr

But the Tories are hardly a model for Labour. If ministers are not leaders, they are nothing. If they cannot act out in man has made a statement their private choices the which is eminently justifiable from a private parent and, coming from a politician in a wilderness for which she is not responsible, has a kind of tortuous public credibility. She invites us to think well of a very missionaries or be pertimony which pretends there is no issue. Failing to see even that, Ms Harman would be an ominous presence at the

The millennium offers a prospect of national renewal but, argues **The Prince of Wales**, plans to mark the event are depressingly materialistic. Where are the beacons of hope, the sense of the spirit, the celebration of community?

### Make it a matter of the spirit

HE YEAR 2000 will be here before we know it. In the Western world, at least, mankind approaches this watershed with varied emotions, for the dawn of a new millennium is more than a simple change of chronology, or an altered digit on the date line. According to ancient tradition, it repre-sents death and rebirth, a shift in perception, a renewed vision, and the focus for a powerful mood of expectation. The last millennium brought with it dread and anticipa tion, for those who believed that it would fulfil the prophecy in the Revelation of St John the Divine, loosing Satan out of his prison, and heralding the Second Coming the end of the world and the deliverance of mankind. Those apocalyptic assumptions are not a common currency as we work towards the third millennium. But the moment does provide us with a massive opportunity to restore and renew both the and to help us look forward The importance of this op-

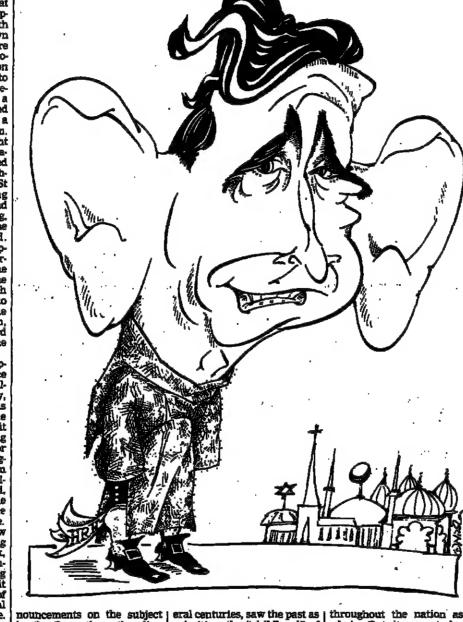
portunity becomes clear once we appreciate what the millennium means, Surprisingly, there has been little obvious attempt to look beneath the surface of this event as it applies to us in the waning years of the 20th century, or to try to understand the significance of the millennium and the power of its symbol-ism. To achieve this we need I believe, to delve a little deeper than normal into the sacred basis of our existence Traditionally, each new year is a time for agonising over resolutions; to step back, take stock and look for im months. Each new year is, it seems to me, a microcosm of the vital process of renewal that dominates our existence. lives seem to be dominated by linear time — one day following the next and year following year in an unbroken line — the continual recurrence of new year reminds us of the importance in our existence of natural cycles, of events which con-

tinually recur.
From each breath we take renewing the oxygen in our blood, to the daily cycle, the waring and the waning of the lunar month, the repetition of the seasons and the renewal of the world each spring, we live our lives with the idea of repeated new beginnings. The poetry of this constantly renewed expectation is captured beautifully in the hymn by Isaac Watts:

A thousand ages in thy Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night

Before the rising sun. This concept of renewal is not the monopoly of Christianity, but is central to many of the great faiths. Socrates taught that the soul reincarnates every 1,000 years, when it has the opportunity to make a new choice about its destiny. In Judaism, the new year is a time of personal repentance and renewal, as well as representing the anniversary of the creation of the world. In the Koran it is written: "Allah is He who effects creation, hence He repeats it." The ancient Chinese, and the Hindus of India, as well as the Christians, took the first 12 days of the rebirth of the Sun at the winter solstice as prefiguring and renewing the coming 12 months of the new

It seems to me a serious. omission that so far, despite all the work and discussion undertaken by the Anglican Church, and despite pro-



by the Pope, the rather limited public discussion in Britain about the millennium has not focused on its spiritual importance and the potential it holds for personal and national renewal.

Plans are well advanced to mark the event, and the cele-brations will begin in less than four years' time. But the deeper, more fundamental, aspects of the millennium are barely being considered. Why should this be when here, above all, lies so much of its true meaning and significance for us, not just as Chris-tians, but for people of all faiths and creeds?

T IS, to say the least,

depressing that there is so little one could describe as transcending the jects which have so far been submitted to the Millennium Commission. The closest are the suggestions that church towers should be floodlit, and that a sequence of new crosses should be erected in Shaftes bury in the spirit of the Celtic crosses that once bore witness to the early days of Christianity. But no one has come for ward, for example, with plans to erect a great religious huilding such as the new Hindu temple in Neasden, completed last year. If the millennium is to be no more than the chance for a giant, but essentially meaningless, party which will soon be no more than a passing memory, we surely need to think more deeply about what the millennium means.

For me, the message of the millennium is clear. It is a time of renewal. But there is all the difference in the world between renewing what is old and replacing old with new. I think our future depends on ference is. The idea of linear time, which has dominated primitive, the "childhood" of humanity, to be overcome and put behind us. The future renew the way in which we was unbounded, a horizon of open-ended progress and unlimited freedoms. Nature would be conquered and placed at the disposal of

mankind.

As the second millennium reaches its close, we have gradually come to see that this idea has done harm as well as good. In the pursuit of unlimited freedoms we have damaged our natural, urban and social environment, and have seen wars, totalitarian-ism and ecological disaster on an unprecedented scale. The century which began with such faith in unbounded progress is in danger of ending on a note — to be heard in much popular music, theatre and literature — of apocalyptic pessimism and despair.

I believe the time has come

to abandon the poles of opti-mism and despair, and rediscover a much older emotion: hope. Hope belongs to a world which recognises the idea of limits, going with the grain of nature and cherishing and learning from the best of what we have inherited from the

We need to use the millennium to reawaken our capacity to rejoice in all cre-ation, to celebrate the glori-ous richness of God's world and to re-establish our spiritual foundations which we can draw from the great religious traditions. We need to see and sense the spark of the spirit in everything to learn from the things which have gone wrong to come to value and cherish our world, its

renewal is something which there, it can spread through-Western civilisation for sev-out communities and on new monuments and pro- | see money going to help

renew the way in which we educate people, so that we do not educate out those intuitive powers of the heart which lie at the root of all spiritual experience.
The 20th century has been

an age of enormous destruc-tion and dislocation, of dys-funtion and disharmony. The millennium is a moment to put that behind us and to start again by building on the many strengths we already possess, but which are in danger of being abandoned through indifference, cynicism or through spurious arguments of "efficiency". We must start by appreciat-

ing the unique heritage of our

own country. A society which sets its face against its past and only values what is new and exciting will never be a society which is at peace with itself or which understands itself. The past represents our memory as a society of who we are, whence we came, and the priceless traditions and knowledge which have accu-mulated over the centuries. While new buildings are necessary, renewal is also about making the best use of what we already possess and about putting right the devastating mistakes we have made, par-ticularly in this century, over the ordering of our lives and the destruction of our

environment.
The millennium provides us with a unique opportunity to spend money for the future good of Britain. It provides a new opportunity for people to work together with a common purpose. It provides the ophistory and mysteries, its portunity to execute works of treasures and its wonders.

This sense of spiritual public buildings which will be a genuine reflection of the has to originate in our hearts deeper values of our human-and not our heads. Once ity. It should not, in my view. be an excuse to waste money

these wider issues of real benefit. For there is so much to put right. There is an urgent discover new and imaginative uses for fine old buildings, rather than knock them down, and to understand and preserve the best of our inheritance, rather than destroy it

by ignorance or neglect. We must learn how to value the commonplace instead of destroying it without a second thought. We must appreciate the strengths that come from flourishing, well-established communities and their traditions. Celebrating the millennium should not just be about building anew, but also about renewing the old. We should, for example, be looking to find new and relevant uses for those remaining great mill buildings which are remarkable monuments to the Industrial Revolution and which still have so much to offer to the

communities around them. At a time when there are well over 800,000 empty homes in Britain, most — but should look harder at ways to re-use our existing housing before we rush into building on greenfield sites. We should be looking to use the millennium to bring new life to the decaying and derelict centres of some of our great cities where the need to rebuild the spirit of the local community is of supreme importance if a balanced and fulfilling city life is to be restored.

agement will be given to indi-viduals and organisations dedicated to working for those who fall outside the mainstream of society. For help to the disadvantaged, whether in education, housing, or the provision of com-munity facilities, will be an important means of repairing some of the ravages of our 20th-century social history. If nothing else, this would be a tremendous encouragement to the work many people have been doing over the years to try to rebuild the lives of disadvantaged young people in our great cities. We need to the hearts of both our cities and, increasingly, many of our towns. The imaginative use of millennium funds, through projects to restore some of the building blocks of civilised life — such as more sympathetic housing schemes, or grants to local voluntary groups who can help regenerate communities
— could make people's lives
better in a way which will
have real meaning for them. Our cathedrals and

and spiritual renewal in the nearts of many dispirited cities and towns, such a large number of which have been ravaged by 20th-century LL too often, they sit cheek-by-jowl with inner-city deprivation and office wastelands. They could become true centres of renewal stretching far beyond the immediate close. There are already wonderful examples of ready wonderful examples of what can be done in some of our abandoned churches with

the creation of health and healing centres which link together body and spirit in a healing Nor should we mage, our villages, where the need to preserve the fundamentals of village life is just as impor-tant. It is heartening to know that village halfs are already the subject of a number of applications to the Millen-nium Commission. I hope very much that imaginative and sensitive design will be encouraged in these smaller projects. And I should like to

iects which are not linked to I restore specially worthwhile I can benefit. The forces it repbuildings — not just because they are "old buildings", but because they are invariably imbued with those deeper val ues which strike a particular chord in our hearts.

In more general terms, can we not use the millennium to bring about the renewal those building and craft skills which have played such a critical role in shaping the environment we have inherited, and shall pass on to our children? There is still a huge task before us to restore the ravages of that period in the 1960s and 1970s which represented a strange aberration in men's souls. Community planning is one proven way and a start has been made up and down the country.

UT we also need to be teaching in a more sensitive and imagisensitive and imagi-native way the archi-tects, planners and designers of the property developers, road engineers and volume housebuilders — so that we can foster a less dogmatic ap-proach to creating and designing buildings. All this is an enormous challenge, and it is one of overwhelming importance, but there is nothing in this process exclusive to Christianity or to Western society. While the year 2000 has no significance in itself for Findus, Muslims, Bud-dhists and the people of other major religions, the urge for spiritual and material renewal applies as much to the non-Christian as to the Christian. This powerful mood for renewal is one from which all faiths and countries

resents bind us all together. As far as Britain is concerned everyone, whatever their culture or beliefs and whether the spiritual basis to their lives matters to them or not, can have a stake in the pro-cess which the millennium represents. I would hope, for example, that a start might be made to help those faiths. growing in Britain but struggling to create places of wor-ship, to erect buildings of real quality. This is, surely, one of those instances where millen nium money may be able to build bridges across some of these divisions in Britain's society. The millennium is, therefore, both a celebration

and a challenge, Few people expect, unlike 1,000 years ago, that the year 2000 will usher in a new and just world ruled by wise politicians, and from which violence and turbulence will have been eradicated, but gence of spirituality across the world; small beacons of civilising values in the face of the all-pervading materialism of recent times, which represent a yearning to improve the deeper quality of our lives and to restore those enduring cultural priorities which rep resent a moral foundation in sumerism. If the millennium can be used to respond to those feelings and emotions it will fulfil a need which will last well beyond the year 2000. and add immeasurably to the quality of all our lives.

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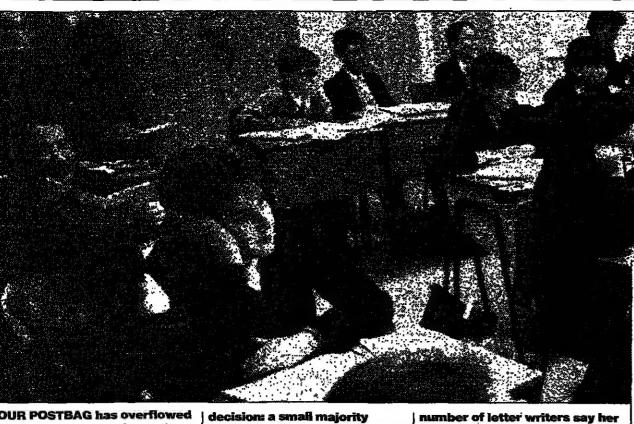
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OUR POSTBAG has overflowed with your views on Harriet Harman's dilemma. Hundreds of letters have been arriving, by post, fax and e-mail -- making this the biggest issue on readers' minds for months.

What has emerged so far is that you cannot agree on

voiced firm support for a paren putting her child's interests first but many came out firmly against what some called "hypocrisy" and a "betrayal" of party policy.

Should Harriet Harman resign? There is a wide range of opinion here — though a fair

decision makes her a liability for her party.

Clearer, however, is your broad view that the education system should not make parents face such choices: far better, you say, that attention is paid to improving the schools

### Should she stay or should she go?

yards from Harriet Har-

All my children have attended a good comprehen-sive in Pinilico which is much nearer than St Olave's and easy to get to by public transport. For what it's worth, 51 per cent of students achieved grades A-C against the national figure of 52.7 per cent. Jack Straw sends his son to the school and I am sure would recommend it. It is convenient to Westminster and Transport House for

Some inner London schools do achieve a lot and need the support of parents such as Harriet Harman if they are to continue doing so.

Perhaps I have misunderstood and she is personally content with selection. In so and resign as a shadow minister?

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WE WANT to come clean as irresponsible parents — we are victimising our children. We could have done otherwise but we are sending them to non-selective, state schools. There, we've

We're socialists, obviously of the more rabid variety. who believe we should live by our principles. We don't use private hospitals, dentists or schools, because they are socially divisive: we think they are positively harmful to citizens, so we imagined they'd be harmful to our kids. We thought we were doing our best for them.

Seems not. Now it's official: the Labour Party has decreed that to send your child to a non-selective state school is to victimise that child.

Are there, we must ask.

cope with the terrible things so many of us are imposing Buzz and Polly Rodwell. Ipswich IP1 3LU.

ARRIET HARMAN and Jack Dromey add insult to injury. Not content with putting personal and family preference before national interests, and further damaging Labour's already shaky record on equality of opportunity in education, they now play the "mum's" card.

not quote the percentage of

parents patronising these schools who are architects.

this? Entry into political life from the so-called New means being seen to act hon-ourably in putting public ence. To appeal to the interests of middle-class mother hood is utterly base; in suggests that mothers have a monopoly of morality and aging essentialist notions of the feminine.

And not only does it deeply offend those of us who sent our children to comprehenthat in so doing those schools would improve, but does dorsing a "buy your way out" mentality. Harriet Harman should have the courage of her convictions and resign. Prof Marcia Pointon. Brighton BN1 3HQ.

HE DEBATE surrounding grammar schools should we did be clear cut either selection children. is morally and socially indefensible or it is not. There is no room for hypocrisy. If Har-riet Harman believed selection to be wrong she would not have chosen St Olave's for

her son. Failure by Tony Blair and the Shadow Cabinet to condemn Harman's action is a betrayal of the vision and hope which has sustained many Labour supporters through the past 16 years. If New Labour persists in replacing commitment by expediency and if they do not rethink carefully what they do and say concerning educa-tion then we will see the birth people: committed socialists who will not support a

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O AMOUNT of rational-isation will rescue Har-riet Harman from the charge of hypocrisy. If she thinks the local state schools are not good enough for her children, then they are not good enough for anyone's children. If bad state schools are to improve, they will only do so if influential people send their own children to them. Expedient double-speak is

from the Tory Party in both health and education — it's good enough for you and yours but not for me and

If Harriet Harman thinks 8 Mayorswell Street, otherwise, she should resign Durham.

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> HERE must be many like me who are profoundly she has made our minds up for us at last. Since she won't sack her for following his ex-ample, can he?). I know now where they, and I, stand. They stand canting: I stand gone. I shall not vote Labour again.

Steve Illingworth. 13 Gillstone Drive. Haworth, W Yorks.

HAT used to separate the Labour Party from the Conservative Party was Of course Harriet Harman

won't resign. If she were a person to resign on principle she would never have chosen the selfish option in the first place. But she is a potential cabinet minister and a member of the ruling class and, of course, because of this beone form of education for the children of well-informed and prudent parents, important people like her, and another for the children of the feckless and ignorant.

Have the principled social-ists in the Labour Party all been castrated? Are you going to tolerate yet another be-trayal? She won't resign so you must get rid of her. J G Ollason.

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S HARMAN'S argument that in sending her son to a selective school she is merely "making a choice in the context of the system as it is" is disingenuous. It is St Olave's which chooses to be selective: it is not the system which forces it to be so. In making that choice, the school itself endorses the purports to oppose. In choosing to send her child there, she herself endorses the school's policy and the princi-ple. If what is best does not accord with one's political be-liefs, why hold those beliefs? Michael Lobban.

WE HAVE suspended our monthly Labour Party standing order until such time as Harriet Harman departs or is removed from the Shadow Cabinet, and we sug-gest that unhappy colleagues do the same.

Ray and Jenny Fenyoe 59 Winchendon Road, ondon SW6 5DH. WHAT about Harriet Har-

what school he goes to? Per haps his parents begged and pleaded that he go on that awful bus journey to the Lon-don Oratory with his brother but he said: "No way. I'm going with my mates to St Olave's. And if you don't let me, I'm going to ring up the Guardian and tell them how you're abusing me. So there." Mary Ann Hooper. 62 Cross Rd, Watford WD1 4DQ.

37 Henleaze Avenue,

CLARE SHORT only suggests that the legalisation bated and is hauled in by this fair?

HE weakness shown by Harriet Harman is the contempt directed towards or-dinary members of the Labour Party. For years mem-bers of the party have put up with unrealistic programmes. incompetence and bloody-mindedness. Now, just as we have hopes of something fresh with new ideas, we have an own goal scored by an experienced front bencher. One thing Labour support-

PERHAPS Tony Blair asked Harriet Harman to pick a selective grant-maintained school for her son. Her action is exactly what that minority group of middle-ground Tory voters wants to hear. And the Labour Party has to win over that small group of voters if they are to win the next election. How sickening of new Labour if they are using this deceitful approach to try to gain power. Mark Yaughan.

of cannabis, which is against Labour policy, should be de-Tony Blair and forced to make a public apology, but Harriet Harman actually decides to send her son to a selective school which is also against Labour policy and not a murmur of disagreement is heard from the leadership. Is Mike Holmes. 12 Kingscote Road, Solihull, 893 8RA.

The new intake . . . a pregnant Harriet Harman arrives at Westminster in 1982. Now one of her children is at the centre of a political storm. Top: children in a North-east comprehensive ponder their future FRANK MARTINGON MOPHEE

Tory MPs, whose record of | ing as political adviser to Ce-sleaze is so long, the opportular dric Brown, Ludicrous? I used sleaze is so long, the opportu-nity to sneer and cry "hum-bug". Harman should have resigned. No amount of self-justification can excuse her contemptuous attitude towards supporters who expect better. David Smith. 10 Allington Garden,

Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 9DP.

ARRIET HARMAN'S de-fence seems to be that she is perfectly justified in taking advantage of the shambles the raises some intriguing possi-bilities: John Prescott buying shares in Railtrack; Robin 18 Buston Grove, Cook joining the board of An-Fulwell, ers will not accept is giving glian Water, Clare Short act- Sunderland SR5 1QB.

to think so. Simon J. Wallace, 16 Larkwood Close. Kettering. Northants NN16 QNQ.

SOCIALISTS have to make painful sacrifices in order to uphold their political reputations. If a principle is to be upheld for the community as a whole, then it has to be applied at individual and fam-ily level. Harman junior has to do his bit for the good of the cause, or has the spirit of the Grunwick picket line finally been laid to rest?

### Social justice and personal sacrifice HOSE who are critical | barrassment before friend of Harriet Harman for | and foe alike, Miss Harman

sending her son to St Olave's rather than a comprehensive school are ignoring a fundamental principle of moral decision making Every individual has an intrinsic value and ought never to be exploited as a means to an end. This is surely one of the underlying ethical foundations of the equality and social justice irrespective of creed, race or status. Sixteen years of Tory government have opposed these foundations by creating an unequal and unjust society in which people are only val-ued for wealth, status and

enterprise.
All moral decisions have to world and Harriet Harman chose what she and her hustheir son. It is not illogical or contradictory to strive to making moral choices within chosen what she believes to be less than the best for her status within the Shadow Cabinet or to uphold a general principle, this would have been an immoral decision and one that betrays the

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CAN think of no better way of highlighting the continu-ing problems of the state schooling system in this country than for a senior Shadow Cabinet member of a party committed to non-selec-tive education to have to make such a difficult per-

sonal decision. I can also think of no better demonstration of personal hypocrisy than for parents to sacrifice the educational opportunities of their child simply because it is politically expedient to do so. If MPs feel they must send their children to the most politically convenient schools, for fear of retribution from the opposition, what hope is there for intelligent debate on the subject? Mathias Disney. 42 Cheisham Road,

AS A CHILD I attended St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School; later I taught at Kingsdale Comprebensive School; and I am now a parent choosing a second-ary school for my eldest son. Ms Harman hopes soon to be in the position to assist Kingsdale to be as well appointed as St Olave's but Kingsdale is working under Conservative education poli-cles which have favoured the rich of affluent Kent to the detriment of the poor of Brixton and Southwark. Although I am an implacable opponent of selective entry to schools. given a choice for my son between Ringsdale and St Olave's I am afraid there is no A change for doubt which I would choose.

London SW4 6NP.

When Harriet Harman is in the bitter the Cabinet I expect to see her working strenuously to remove the divide which makes schools like St Olave's so much more attractive than almost any inner-city secondary school. Until then I respect her right to do the best she can for her children. Tecwyn Cockett. Wortwell IP20 0EN.

HE LADY has not asked questions for cash, con-cealed financial interests, made a fortune out of priva-House, sold arms to Iraq, broken Barings Bank, misbe-haved in the Bank of England; spoken ill of Miss Legge-

Bourke or joined Arthur Scargill's new party. Like every parent she has made sacrifices for her chil-dren. This one is so great that it compromised her princi-ples and caused her great em-1519 Luxembourg.

human being. H D Edmunds 10A Risca Road

bers run the NHS but largely use private medical care and who apparently make mini-mal use of state-funded forms of transport?

10 Blackhill Drive, Helensburgh G84 9RE

INTIL recently I lived Uyards from Harriet Harhave faced the same dilemma had my husband's job not

moved us away. hensive schools in that part of Southwark. The presence of within half a mile means that local state schools neither atdemic ability or achieve any-thing like a social mix — they are "comprehensive" only in name. Sixteen years of Tory rule and starvation of the state education system mean they are run down and teacher morale is rock-bottom. Like Ms Harman, I could not have sacrificed my son's future to my principles when the "choices" are illusory.

Rachel M Swaffield. 12 The Meads. Berkhamsted HP4 3QX.

Y DAUGHTER passed the 11-plus 21 years ago. We had the choice of two local schools, one a girl's grammar, the other a mixed comprehensive. According to my principles. I opted for the comprehensive. My daughter blames me still for denying her the chance of the best education I still believe in the princi-

ples but I also believe the basis of those principles must be firmly there and working before one sacrifices the future of one's child. Eva M Knutson. 16 Highfield Road. Northwood HA6 1ET.

WHY all the fuss over Har-riet Harman sending her son to a selective school? Do opponents of rail privatisa-tion refuse to travel by train until the railways are re-nationalised? Do opponents of electricity privatisation use Even those who want to

change the system must use that system until it is changed. Justin Nelson. Meridian House, St David's Bridge. Cranbrook TN17 3HL.

ARRIET HARMAN should consider crossing the House and becoming a Tory. That way she'd never have any moral principles to defend.

Hecropoliz

Maureen Plantagenet 22 rue des Moulins, 31450 Montgiscard,

SENIOR Blairites are apparently unconcerned about the Harman furore because they feel it reinforces the impression that Labour has changed. In the same veln, perhaps one can con-clude that the activities of Tory MPs give a more rounded perspective of human frailty and that this can only benefit a party that puts itself in a "Back to Ba-sics" straitjacket. David Sloson.

#### accountants in the City, managing directors of merchant governments. When people like Ms Harbanks or others with well man, with all the advantages of high income, cultural capiabove average incomes and success in formal education? Or alternatively the percenttal and influence, send their children outside their local age who are unemployed, in community for schooling this low paid and temporary jobs? only serves to distort still fur-ther the social composition of The publication of examination league tables has demonthe schools, depriving innerstrated once more that academic results are closely

that small number of middlecorrelated with the income class parents in their area

your Leader (Harriet's Right to Choose, January 22). You pared to those in areas of affluent to avoid local schools. quote the comparative poor social deprivation. One The long-term question is examination results of doesn't have to be a sociolo-

schools in her locality. Why gist to recognise the wide disparities of wealth and income between communities today: disparities made all the wider by policies pursued by recent quality of life, are significantly reduced

HE DECISION by Ms | ference it is possible to | amination results. Then the | so firmly entrenched in our | carry forward the child | and still deliver the core cur- | Harman highlights an | achieve in academic results | Guardian points to inner-city | psyche that suggesting any | centred approach now de | riculum to a high standard. | issue you overlooked in | between those schools work | school exam results as some | other alternative is deemed to | cried by Conservative ideo | The result is a school that issue you overlooked in between those schools work-Leader (Harriet's Right ing in affluent areas com-kind of justification for the

The marks of inequality in a vicious circle of results

The long-term question is how do we break the vicious circle of school results linked so closely to parental income and the affluence of the area in which a school is located? It may well be that the only hope in the long run is to begin outside the schools by narrowing the wide disparities in income and wealth which have intensified since the 1980s so that so many of the other inequalities which flow from this fact in terms of housing, employment, access to good education and a good

Is there any political will to suggest a policy which might of pupils. The quality of whilst adding even more of suggest a policy which might teaching does make a differ- such parents to the schools work towards such an end or periment five years ago. We nothing like the dif- already achieving good ex- is organised selfishness now wanted a school that would follow the children's interests. London SE5 8SP.

be a vote loser? Gaudick Road, Eastbourne BN20 7SP.

PETER HAIN'S letter (January 23) carries in its tail a sweeping sting the only option for Labour parents is to support their local comprehensive. Doesn't this confuse the means (comprehensives) and the end (high-quality classless education for all children)? Surely there is scope for some imagination in working out a range of op-tions to provide good educa-tion without restriction of access on grounds of ability. income or class?

A group of parents in Cam-

ative, collective, community-based way of meeting our children's educational needs. We have therefore run a parent-taught, parent-managed, parent resourced "school", first in the home of one parent and then (when we became too large and had to register formally) in a building we rent for the purpose. We share the costs and needed in teaching, preparing accounts. With small classes

The result is a school that logues. We also wanted a excludes nobody and has closer role in our children's helped to build a sense of community and mutual sup-port. Children with special needs and very high achiev-ers work happily together. education than any large school could provide. And we wanted to work out a co-oper-Very few parents are "middle class" but all-share responsibility and offer creativity.

Is this not worth experimenting with, as a way of achieving the goals we hold dear as Labour members? We cannot let our rejection of the divisive ways of the (selective or private-sector) past and our desire for a fairer, more supportive and more effective education system in the materials, cleaning, doing the | future be fossilised in an exclusive support for just one (the largest has six) and a way of tackling the issue.

### Through thick and thin

ADY (ANN) FITT, who has died aged 74, was the wife of Lord (Gerry) Fitt, the former MP for West Belfast and first leader republican violence led to the Tyrone-Donegal border. of Northern Ireland's mainly Catholic Social Democratic

During Gerry's long and de-manding political career, Ann was frequently at his side, whether it was during a violent street confrontation, or a political conference. During elections she made tea and sandwiches, addressed and sandwiches, addressed enve-lopes and with her young daughters in their pram, delivered leaflets and

anvassed. During his absence at Westminster, she handled the constant procession of constitu-ents who besieged the Fitt house on Belizst's Antrim Road. She knew her way around government and council departments and was as adept as her husband at sorting out local problems.

In 1972, when the IRA threatened to kill any candidates putting themselves for-ward for election to Belfast City Council, Ann did not flinch when Gerry told her he had nominated her. She won handsomely at the polls and served for a year as a city councillor. "I fought 22 elections," said Lord Fitt, "but I

Sir Harold Bailey

ions to French, German, Ital-

ian, Spanish, Latin and Greek, They clearly influ-

enced the direction of his

University. Under Professor

George Woods, a classicist, Bailey wrote his master's the-

sis on religious ideas in Eu-

ripides, which resulted in a scholarship to Oxford, where

he went in 1927, to study San-

akrit. Avestan, and Indo-

Two years later, he became

the first lecturer in Iranian

studies at London Universi-

ty's School of Oriental Stud-

ies, and began work on a doc-

toral thesis that was to have

been an edition, translation

and commentary on the so-called Greater Bundahishm, a

kind of encyclopaedia of Zoro-

astrianism, written in the Middle Iranian language

known as Pahlavi. The thesis became a work of unmanage-

able dimensions and Bailey

submitted it, unfinished, in

1983 for his Oxford doctorate.

The year 1936 was pivotal in Bailey's career. He gave

the Ratanbai Katrak lectures

in Oxford, later published as Zoroastrian Problems in The Ninth-Century Books, and was appointed to Cambridge's Sanskrit chair, which he held

until his retirement in 1967.

Almost all of Bailey's subse-

quent prodigious publication activity was connected with

In 1921 he entered Perth

future life.

problems by peaceful means.

His unremitting criticism of republican violence led to attacks from both sides of the sectarian divide and Ann supported him at every point. In August 1976, when a republican mob forced entry into their house in the middle of

protection.
As the Northern Ireland troubles intensified in the late seventies, Ann often endured alone the waves of abuse, rocks and stones, pet-rol bombs and, on more than one occasion, explosive devices, directed at her family's home. Eventually, the build-ing was secured with rein-forced steel doors, bullet-proof windows, wire grilles, floodlights and closed circuit television cameras — causing it to be known throughout Belfast as Fortress Fitt.

ONDITIONS for the family became intolerable during the 1981 hunger strikes by IRA prisoners at the Maze prison, and soon afterwards the Fitts lost most of their posessions in an arson attack, could not have achieved anything without the work and support of Ann."

Although he came from a Catholic nationalist back-ground and represented that was made a life peer and the could not have achieved anything without the work and support of Ann."

Belfast seat to Gerry Adams, then vice-president of Provisional Sinn Fein, Gerry Fitt was made a life peer and the could not have achieved anything which destroyed their home. In 1983, after losing his West Belfast seat to Gerry Adams, then vice-president of Provisional Sinn Fein, Gerry Fitt was made a life peer and the could not have achieved anything without the work and support of Ann."

Susan (Ann) Gertrude Fitt (nee Doherty), political wile, born June 8, 1921, died January 23, 1995

larly fond of spic literature, reading avidly the famous Ar-

menian, Georgian, and Os-

setic epics. During the second world war he read Armenian

and Albanian newspapers for any hints they might betray

When Bailey commenced

work on the unpublished

of German plans in the East.

Linguist of the Orient

who has died aged 96, was an internation silty renowned philologist and a man of immense learning with an extraordinary love of language particularly in its written form.

At the age of 10 his family emigrated, and he was thus transplanted from Wiltshire to an Australian bush farm. He read the few books to which he had access — which included a seven-volume encyclopaedia and introductions to French, German, Ital-

Khotanese sources, scarcely this material he extracted all any of the late Khotanese material in cursive script had gin as a basis for his 1979

Castlederg, a small village on the Tyrone-Donegal border. She met her future husband, who was then a merchant seaman, in London in 1946 while he was between voy-ages. In February 1947, when he returned from a trip to New Zealand, he telephoned her at the Ladies' Imperial Carlton Club, where she worked as a telephonist, to ask for a date.

Armed with chocolates and nylons to make a good im-pression, Gerry met her at Hyde Park Corner tube station and went to see Odd Man Out, the Carol Reed film starring James Mason as an IRA man on the run.

Later, in an amusement ar-cade, she won 10 cigarettes for her gasping partner by notching up an impressive darts score. The romance flourished and the couple married in County Down in November 1947, after which they settled in Belfast. Some years later, Gerry returned from the sea and began the process of carving out his political career.

Lady Fitt is survived by ber husband, five daughters and her grandchildren.

progressively difficult with

age to acquire new ones. In addition to articles and

monographs, Bailey published with the Cambridge

University Press from 1945 to

1985, Khotanese Texts, a

seven-volume series, and in

1951 his Khotanese Buddhist Texts was published. From this material he extracted all



Fortress Fitt . . . Ann and Gerry outside their firebombed house in 1982

### Low falutin'

Appreciation: Norman MacCaig

ORMAN MacCAIG | joyed his company, fugging cobituary, January | the air with the smoke of (obituary, January 20 was a poet with no epic pretensions. His views on aesthetics and life in general were commit-tedly "low falutin". In an essay which he wrote all of 20 years ago for Chapman, the literary journal I edit, he said: "I never met a white goddess in my life and when I find my self in the company of singing robes, hieratic gestures and fluting voices I phone a taxi."

burgh in 1972, when I had just started to produce the maga-zine. He was instantly engaged, interested and support-ive, without a trace of condescension or literary snobbery. But I was horrified at how he lambasted the

others present with his sav-age wit: they included the now-dead poet Stuart Mac-Gregor, and William Neill and Donald Campbell. Their views, their poetry, their per-sonalities too, were all prime targets for Norman's barbed, ironic scepticism. This was a shock to me, trained by a po-lite, middle-class mother not to be openly critical. I learned that it was all part

of the game. We Scots have a word for this verbal fencing. between poets: "flyting" — and boy, could Norman flyte. He revelled in what he called "the art of vituperation". We quickly became good friends. and many's the night I've an- Joy Hendry

evening with him in the pubs of Rose Street, Edinburgh, where he fell in with an old Salvation Army woman who chummed along with us most of the night, swapping hilarious, and sometimes rather naughty, stories. For us younger writers he of quality goes with expertise was a tremendous encourage in the backstab, she viewed

lami, former chairman, Glaxo, 70; Brian Hayes, H M South-east England, 56; Sheila Innes, former deputy chairman, Open University, 65; Sir David Nicholas, former chairman, ITN, 66; Ra-vinder Randhawa, writer,

senter, 34: Sir Paul Giro-

many cigarettes and empty ing not a few bottles of whisky. He had a knack of somehow always being there when you wanted or needed him. His remarkable friendship

with the poet Hugh MacDiarmid held strong until MacDiarmid's death in 1978, yet
you couldn't imagine two poets more different: MacDiarmid held strong until Macon whose judgment I respected,
on whose opinion I could
rely, who would help you in
a jam, who, above all, would
never let you down. mid full of epic ambition, freluting voices I phone a taxi." quently dismissing Norman's They suspected they could I first met Norman at an all-work with jibes like: "Ye're get her to storm into a man-lay poetry festival in Edinno a poet at aa, juist a school-ager's office only in dire cirmaister". Observers of these | cumstances — when she felt exchanges used to think a an injustice had been or was

fight was imminent.

But he didn't just value litknew she would keep an eye erary friends, and was just as out for their advantage and happy cracking with the post-man, a miner, or the woman of risk. Many became as up the stairs. I once spent an loyal to her as she was to

was a fremendous encourage ment, although we often had to endure severe scoldings for literary self-indulgences or excesses. But people mattered for what they had done, and more to Norman than poetry, from time to time still could and music perhaps most of all, as his close friendship with the Shetland fiddler Aly Bain confirmed.

Birthdays .......................

Corazon Aquino, former president, the Philippines, 63; Sir Tom Arnold, Conservative MP. 49; Raymond Bax-ter, broadcaster, 74; Lord Blakenham, chairman and chief executive, Pearson plc,

58; Margaret Donnelly, 14; Air Commodore April prison governor, 56; Michael Duane, educationalist, 81; Euma Freud, television pre-

book Trainspotting but it's not a new thing. Over the

do. And like most ex-Vien-nese, she retained some of that great city's good qualities. She was beautiful, she was funny — even in serious mat-

ters, you laughed — and in all her dealings she was distinguished. If the word had not lost its flavour, you would have said she was a lady. She was certainly a grande dame. Her sense of style, in life as on stage or platform, was polished and she suffered departure from it with no pleasure at all.

Certain artists would, usually with good reason, be promoted to a pantheon, where they could do little wrong and from which they would be deployed only with the pros-

convince her of the strength

of a scheme, and of how a

performer could make or break it, there was no better

advocate of what you had in mind. I have watched her turn an artist from scepticism

to enthusiasm in a matter of

I never knew how she persuaded Lucia Popp — on the telephone — to fly to London

from Amsterdam, after a morning recording session, to save an idomeneo broadcast from which we had lost both

the first cast and the cover of

Ilia, but she did. The result was little short of a triumph

arts are a source of pleasure and her judgment in that

sense was romantic rather than calculating if the audi-ence had risen to the per-

former, that spoke louder than a false note in the second

act. Acclaim for a neophyte from Scandinavia was more satisfying than the Royal Fes-tival Hall sold out for a sea-

soned performer.

- for the artist as well as for the performance as a whole.
Lies never forgot that the

Lies Askonas

### Performance artiste

pect of something thoroughly worthwhile. But if you could IES Askonas, who has died aged 82 and was for over 30 years a leading London musician's agent, came from a cul-tured Jewish Viennese background: Alma Mahler, Elisabeth Schumann and Otto Klemperer were frequent visitors at her parents' home, along with the playwrights Arthur Schnitzler and Hugo von Hofmannsthal.

A visit to the Vienna

Staatsoper for Der Rosenka-valier in 1994, with Felicity Lott's Marschallin and Kleiber conducting, was, she recalled, exactly 70 years since she had first seen it there with her parents, at the

there with her parents, at the age of nine.
Initially, she shone as a champion skier. After the Anschluss, she skied her way to freedom — and, looking back from the top of the mountain pass, watched the troops of the Third Reich moving in to Austria. Her parents had already settled in Leatherhead, where she arrived in 1939. After war-time work with MI5, she was co-opted to Eisenhower's staff and involved in the postde-Nazification

not far behind.

Lord Harewood writes: I first met Lies in 1953 soon after I

started work at Covent Gar-

den and she became a friend and colleague, someone

Her artists felt the same.

about to be done. But they

pean opera houses, to find little pockets of affection for

someone who was upholding

standards. Like all Viennese who had

left the city where adulation

her erstwhile countrymer

with sharp suspicion as well as a residue of admiration

from time to time still could

The old-fashioned tradition of the "good agent" dies hard and many of us revere it the programme. Her first contact with the music business was helping Walter Legge set up the Phil-harmonia Orchestra: she and artist's agent as adviser, retaining the right to warn as well as to promote - ulti-Legge loathed each other.
Askonas then joined Wilmately as friend. These quali-ties Lies Askonas had in frid van Wyck's agency, look-ing after the pianist Shura Cherkassky (who died after She was lucky — but that is not the right word: blessed Christmas) and the conduc-tor Hans Schmidt-Isserstedt,

maybe — in a happy marriage of more than 30 years. Neville of more than 30 years. Neville Shepherd, as a man of high intelligence and with a life-time of government service behind him, was not unac-quainted with Byzantine com-plications and labyrinthine workings such as character-ies musical particularly over before being persuaded by Elisabeth Schumann, the famous Lieder singer, to set up on her own in 1955 with Wagnerians Hans Hotter and Set Svanholm as her first names — divas like Birgit Nilsson, Teresa Berganza and Lucia Popp, and maestri Abbado and Mehta, etc were ise musical, particularly oper-atic, dealings, and would have been quick to suggest ways

out of problems.
Their lives became inseparable and you did not expect to see one without the other, whether in the opera house or on Corsica, where they had a

Liesbeth (Lies) Askonas, concert agent, born August 13, 1913; died January 20, 1996



Lies Askonas: grande dame

#### Death Notices

CUJRRY. On 18th January 1986 at 8t Charles Hospital Site a protracted lileaes, Edda Josepte Therese aged 65 years, formerly Sentor Secretary at the BSC, daughter of the late Charles and Resy Curry, Funeral service at West London Cremetonium, Harrow Read, London W10 on Wodinesday, 7th February 1856 at 2.15pm. Enquines to John Nodes Funeral Service, 181 Ladbrots Grove, London W10, telephone 0181 969 1818.

phome 0181 969 1819.

WALLINGTON, Peter Raiph of Rock Cottage, Lianfyllin, died tragically as the result of an accident on Monday January 22nd, 1995, aged 39 years. Dearly loved husband of Casta, towing dad of Jessica, much towed son of Jean and the late Dr. In Wallington, daar brother of John & brother-in-law of Judith, dear nepher of Dr. M.P. Wallington, and dearest uncle of Natasha. Funeral Service and Interment at St.Carmone Chierch Lianfechain on Seturday January 27th at 2 p.m. Family Rowers only but donations if deelrad to Britain - Nepai Medical Trust. Donations and engirles please to the Funeral Directors, I. Jackson & Sons, The Old Chapel, Narrow Street, Lianfyllin, Syzz Stu. Telephone 01891 642243

#### in Memoriam

world has a hole where you were. Every-day you are remambered with love.

that is made accessible is of

little worth. Multimedia

### Jackdaw

#### Necropolis

likely to be the death of us.

The evidence that our

... Currently, 45 per cent of the world's population live in cities. Human crowds proprosper in these sprawling environments. But the patare often pre-industrial.

ternational system of trade and communication - and disease. They have no limits; air travel and other routes of transportation have rendered their influence and vul

tory of influenza suggests that another epidemic is demic of 1918-19. The early epicentres — Freetown, Si-Camp Devans, Massachu-setts, the first case of influenza was diagnosed on days later, there were 6.674 cases of infection and, on lent form of influenza

Worldwide, about 40 million people died in six months... The growth and decay of our trush centres provide the ideal medium to support the endemic spread of infectious agents, especially among low-income dwellers. There is no room in this argument for sentimental anti-urbanism. Unparalleled inter-disciplin-

Oriental studies".

Balley was not given to ostentation. He once related being stopped for a routine police check while cycling in Suffolk. They were sceptical about the scruffy cyclist's claim to be Sir Harold Bailey, Cambridge professor of Sanskrit, and escorted him to Oneen's College for confirms.

Queen's College for confirma-tion from the head porter.

He delighted in sharing his

knowledge. Many who came with a simple question were

imazed at the casual way in

amazed at the casual way in which he produced, from his wast library, book after book that had a bearing on the matter. Some scholars visited Cambridge just to read texts with him and warn thus able

with him and were thus able

to produce important books.

Bailey was concerned about the fate of his remarkable li-

forces with fellow academics the Alichins and the van Lou-

huizens to found the Ancient India and Iran Trust, which he chaired from 1978. When,

in 1981, the trust acquired Brooklands House in Cam-

first time in his life, to live somewhere large enough to accommodate his library on

shelves. He took delight in the

The trust has recently

received a five-year grant from the National Lottery to

complete the cataloguing of

its library. Bailey would cer-tainly have liked to think that

access to the fascinating

books that he would love to have browsed among in his

Harold Walter Balley, philolo glat, born December 16, 1899; died January 11, 1998

Renald II Erosunick

youth.

garden — and in gardening.

prevent the grand metropolis from becoming a sick and dis-eased necropolis. Richard Horton writing in the Lancet as part of a joint cam-paign by 36 medical journals in 21 countries to highlight the threat of infectious diseases.

#### WELL, I'M wearing an ano

IKNOW. We have no idea

what sex is, we have no dress sense, we all wear those spectacles. Well, it's not all about sticking lots of numbers in a little book, you know. There's many other aspects to rail-way enthusiasm such as pho-tography, building models and making videos. People now try to ride every line in the country. But just tell me one thing. How is anyone go-ing to do that if some of them are freight lines. Eh?

trainspotting I've met some of the queerest people I've ever met. They're nearly all introverted. You either can't get a word out of them or you can't shut them up.

LONG MAY Jasoer Carrott poke fun at us. We're not afraid. Yes, I've heard of the

many books written about it. The media have done a demolition job. The younger people just aren't coming into the hobby any more; they don't want to be branded as morons or trainspotters. But, really, is it as daft as knock ing balls into holes you can't Trainspotters spotted by the

Face at Bristol Temple Meads station. The style mag's inter-est in locomotives is, apparently, prompted by the imminent release of Trainspot ting, the Danny Boyle film of the Irvine Welsh book.

ROM things are curiously

distant. They have a peculiar sort of interactivity which

has a lower level of imagina-

#### Nerdland THESE multi-media CD-

tive engagement than the in-teractivity of simply having a talking comfortably to you. When a new technology comes in, we always overesti-mate the extent of its cognitive power. Obviously there are all sorts of ways in which computers can be used to play around with things, but people get so fascinated with keyboards and VDUs that they find themselves in a nerd's paradise which does not genuinely engage the in-telligence. It may be that, as with so many aspects of democracy, it is democratic in that it is accessible to a large number of people, but that

the individual teacher. Almost everyone who has been switched on to the world of ideas and imagination has invariably been introduced to the life of the mind by a great imaginative teacher who needn't necessarily be very learned, but whose enthusi-asm and determination to engage his or her pupils produces converts...Being turned on to the life of the mind is a sort of religious conversion. It is hard for people to become devoted to a democratic machine. There is nothing better than another person as a teacher. We underestimate and crimi-nally underpay them. Jonathan Miller interviewed

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WHEN SAUL BELLOW, that great chronicler and critic of American urban life, de-scribes New York as "stir-ring, insupportable, agitated, ungovernable, demonic", few fellow city-dwellers would be able to resist these tangled adjectives being applied to their own environment. The city represents the peak of human cultural and commercial achievament. Vet for cial achievement . . Yet for all its rational efficiency and benevolent intent, the city is

renewed concern about infectious diseases stems from ur-ban "thirdworldisation", that sense; they are part of an in-

the strains of social disorganisation are one point of ori-gin for human epidemics, is compelling and is bolstered by individual examples of emerging infectious agents

activity was connected with his work on Khotanese. He at-

vide easy routes for airborne, waterborne, vector-mediat-ed, and direct-contact spread tern of urban agglomeration is changing fast... The UN classes cities with popula-tions of eight million or more as mega-cities. Mega-cities experiencing lower growth rates are located in the riches parts of the world whilst the largest growth rates are found in the poorest regions. Unlike cities in the West, those in the developing world Here, the burgeoning popula-tion live in central slums and peripheral shanty towns searching for non-existent jobs in a palaeotechnological environment ... Mega-cities

nerability boundless. Three diseases — influenta, tuberculosis, and den-

gue — illustrate the peculiar dependence of infectious agents on the city. The hissoon to arrive . . The impor-tance of planning can be gauged most dramatically by revisiting the influenza panepicentres — Freetown, or-erra Leone; Brest, France; and Boston, USA — were all urban. Crowded groups were rapidly and savagely cut down. In the confines of September 12, 1918. Only six September 23, 12,604 soldiers had fallen ill. By October, 20 per cent of the US army had acquired this especially viru

our urban centres provide the ary co-operation and long-term governmental perspective are needed if we are to

#### On track

rak and it's nothing like [a] cagoule. An anorak's essential for when it gets cold in the winter but really there's no uniform for train enthusiasts. We don't dress to be fashionable. We dress for warmth.

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I THINK it's totally unfair how the press depict train-spotters. They don't all carry atchels and have glas stuck together with bits of plaster, you know.

The Face . . . trainspotting

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# Watchdogs get more bite

Simon Beavis and Larry ElRott

HE Government is planning to boost the resources of the utility watchdogs as the opening shot in repair the battered image of privatisation.

With ministers keenly

aware that the public is angry about excessive boardroom pay and sceptical about the customer benefits of the big that the regulatory framestate sell-offs, they are urging regulators to help boost public confidence in the system. Senior ministerial sources indicated that they are considering giving the regulators of the electricity, gas, water and telecommunications industries more financial muscle in recognition of the in-

creasingly complex nature of

OVERNMENT hopes of

"feelgood factor"

a pre-election return to the "feelgood factor"

will be given a huge boost today when the CBI calls for

workers to be given higher wages and a bigger share of

In a surprise departure

from the previous line adopted by the employers' organisation, CBI director-

general Adair Turner will

warn that the UK risks becoming a low-wage economy

unless it reverses the income

employees to receive an ever-

that higher wages will lead to

Rising real (inflation-ad-

justed) wages were one of the main factors behind strong

consumer confidence in the

late 1980s, but despite almost

four years of growth since

early 1993 incomes have

struggled to keep pace with

has insisted that any increase

in earnings should be consis-

tent with the Government's aim of hitting its tough infla-tion target, but Mr Turner

will say today that this is per-

fectly possible.

Chancelior Kenneth Clarke

an explosion in inflation.

Mr Turner will argue that it

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Larry Elliott

national income.

**CBI** to reverse

pay strategy in

'real' rises call

of preparing the two big pre-election privatisations, Rail-track and the nuclear power company, British Energy.

With public support for these self-offs at a low ebb, ministers appear anxious to bang the drum for flagship privatisations such as British Telecom, British Gas and the electricity industry where they say customers reaped real benefits from lower prices and better service.

work is too lenient, the Government realises it needs to shore up the system to convince voters of the benefits of privatisation.

Watchdogs could be given funds to hire special advisers to ensure that they are equipped to scrutinise the utilities more effectively. The need for more resources has become more acute since last

or more sectors.

considered is the creation of an all-party parliamentary select committee to overses utility regulation. Ministers see some case for

BRITISH GAS acted yesterday to

Strengthen its board by appointing a new finance director, leading to fresh spec-

Chris Barrie writes.

Philip Hampton, finance director of Brit-

Philip Hampton, finance director of British Steel, will join the group on a salary of £295,000. He will also get £70,000 compensation for loss of share options at BS.

The appointment leaves the current fi-nance director, Roy Gardner, free to con-centrate on the key responsibilities — ac-

utilities are forced to keep the Another proposal being separate parts of their business transparent.

British Gas grooms Cedric's successor

They have ruled out bringlechild, to introduce new price caps for the 12 regional ing the watchdogs under one roof for fear that the utilities would find it easier to blur power companies. He was

the electricity and water in-dustries and the emergence of super-utilities spanning two Offer — provided that the mooted with the regime of the industry. under intense pressure - not least since last year's bungled effort by the electricity regu-

ating BG's costly "take or pay" contracts and preparing the group for competition in

It more likely that Mr Gardner would succeed Mr Brown, should he decide to step down. The company dismissed the sugges-

tion last night as "speculation".

John Wybrew, a former adviser to Lady
Thatcher, will join the board from April as
director for strategic planning and corpo-

he domestic market. Analysts suggested that the move m

tory system is robust, ever though they see the need for it to evolve. They are keen for consumers to be reminded of how unprotected they were before privatisation.

"But there was nothing to protect the consumer when the utilities were in public hands. The regulators need to be more outward looking and say 'before we were here there was nobody to stick up

Although controversial, the Railtrack and British Energy sell-offs are vital to the Gov-ernment's finances in the run-up to the election. Privatisation is expected to raise £4 billion in the 1996-97 financial year, falling to £2.5 billion in 1997-98 and

"It's quite amazing how we learn to criticise new things," one ministerial source said.

### Battening down unruly markets



Edited by Alex Brummer

HE extraordinary rise in the shares of Standard Chartered bank, which shot up to a new all-time high in after-hours trading last night, has provoked enor-mous bid speculation. This has been shot down by the more obvious candidates most notably NatWest and Deutsche Bank, both of which have the £6 billion or so eded to pull it off.

Certainly Standard Char-tered, with its strong presence in emerging markets in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, would provide an Asian leg for any international bank looking for a more global

However, credible the spec-ulation may seem, this partic-ular bubble in Standard Chartered's share price appears to be one of those inexplicable events which plague certain companies at a time of buil markets, Having just put one hostile takeover battle behind it, in the shape of Granada/ Forte, the City would plainly like to find another. Standard Chartered is sim-

ply the latest in a series of substantial public companies — the last two being Royal Bank of Scotland (before Christmas) and Zeneca (for much of last year) - to be defined by the market as bid candidates. In the case of Zenecs, which used Section 212 of the Companies Act to check beneficial holdings, there was no firm evidence that stakebuilding was going on. As far as can be determined the same applies to Standard

Chartered.
That, of course, does not mean that there will not be a ever, the general rule is that when a share moves as speedlly as Standard's last night a statement of some kind to the Stock Exchange would be required to prevent unruly markets. It was such a statement last year which flushed out Morgan Stanley as a poss-ible bidder for SG Warburg. which eventually fell to SBC.

It is the exchange's duty to do more to ensure that such share bubbles are fully inves-tigated and that if there is any evidence of merger/bid activ-ity it should not be allowed to

#### **Utility reforms**

T HAS clearly dawned on the Government that if it wants to go into the next general election with any hope of proclaiming the benefits of privatisation it must do something about regulation. Its job will be tough. Public

cynicism about the privatised utilities is at an all-time high. This follows a series of top pay scandals, shareholder windfalls, questionable judg-ments from the regulators, drought measures and a general feeling that the customer Hople back

in the

has been the loser. Meanwhile, the Government is going to cram two highly sensitive sell-offs into a crowded pre-election timetable and neither have commanded public support.
The Government has yet to

fully convince the City, let alone the general public, that the sales of Railtrack and the nuclear power industry are sensible proposals. Few doubt that the sell-offs are driven by dogma and the need to fund tax cuts. But they are hardly the stuff of Conservative election broadcasts.

Indications that ministers are giving serious thought to system is encouraging, eve if it is no more than a sensible piece of politics. It is at least a recognition of public

But it is by no means enough. At the beginning of Margaret Thatcher's radical experiment with privatisation, consumers were prom-ised that they would be given new power and a voice. Those who believed it have been badly let down — as Labour is easily able to remind them.

Surrounding the watchdogs with a few more advisers may be wise but it won't win the public back.

#### Rocco's return

Sir Rocco Forte wisely lost no time in putting forward a proposal to retain as much of Forte's hotel interests as is feasible: the Meridien, Exclusive and Heritage brands as well as the London hotels. Moreover, selling chunks of the acquired hotel interests off in one package will enable Granada to pay-down its debts more quickly and Forte to keep together the core of its management (eam.

That said, this whole episode does nothing to enhance the reputation of Britains's flnancial community. Sharelecting their profits by selling their stock in the marketplace, but they might also questions the waste of some £155 million in advisers' fees were involved in this hostile takeover. That is shareholders money which effectively has been frittered away.

All of this may seem fine to the big battalions like Mercury Asset Management, which have tucked away their speculative profits in their

clients' portfolios.

However, would not MAM

as the biggest shareholder in both companies — have been better advised to have used its clout to foster an agreed deal under which the Forte family bought out the upmarket hotels and Granada took under its control the restaurants and other botel brands which are more in keeping with its branding

experience? All that MAM and company have succeeded in doing is reinforcing the image of the City as a place obsessed with short-term dealing profits, rather than making sensible Interests of British business.

tales of international intrigue,

the CIA and massive secret

funds. To back up their colour-ful stories, letters were forged

from the then-US President

George Bush, the American

Secret Service and top banks.

John Goldring, QC, prose-cuting, said Mr Deacon and Mr Fuller were part of a 12-

strong gang — four in the States and the rest in Britain.

pair's first victims. In May 1991, the Enfield-based com-

pany was struggling to sur-

vive and its desperate direc-

Belling's directors were

tors could not resist.

Belling was among the

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### says 1,500 jobs may have to go

takes insurance against Fokker crisis, writes Mark Milner

that up to 1,500 jobs may have to go in the fall-out from the crisis at the Dutch aircraft manufacturer, Fokker, one of its biggest customers. Short said that it could face

a "manpower surplus" affecting between 1,400 and 1,500 jobs as a result of the Fokker situation and that it would be issuing an HR1 notice - a statutory requirement, giving 90 days warning of more than 100 redundancies - to the Government and the trades unions this week.

The company said: "The lodging of the HR1 is a protective measure to limit the risks to the company, but it will be reviewed in the light of developments.

On Monday, Fokker's controlling shareholder, the German industrial conglomerate Daimler-Benz, said that it ders but later rebounded to would no longer continue to 3.25 guilders in heavy frank managment assessprovide financial support to trading.

that has bedevilled Britain for

the past 25 years has now been decisively broken.

The CBI no longer believes

that there is a prospect of big pay rises pushing up prices, which in turn lead to even

higher wage demand, he will

Although the CBI admits it

has been "banging the table"

restraint in recent years, it

steriing failed to materialise. are rebeiling against a pro-Earnings, which never grew posal to make him a Doctor at an annual rate of less than of Law. As one lecturer put is no longer sustainable for 7 per cent in the 1980s have cake and that there is no risk been stuck at 3.25 per cent for

pound, lower interest rates and modest pay demands meant that corporate profitability has soured.

nessage." However, he added that provided pay demands remained modest it should be possible for workers to receive real in-

### believes there is a need for wages to rise in real terms over the coming years. High unemployment and

Meanwhile, a cheaper

Mr Turner is expected to say that while his remarks should not be interpreted as an excuse for "lottery fever" among wage bargainers. there is scope for growth in real wages without any im-pact on Britain's prosperity. "This is a carefully posi-tioned speech", one CBI insider said last night. "All of us want to see real incomes so up, but this is not a giveaway

In what was being trailed by the CBI last night as a keynote speech, the CBI leader is expected to tell the Institute of Personnel Development conference in London that the creases in pay without infla-inflationary wage-price spiral tion taking off.

# **Short Brothers**

Fokker, effectively cutting off its cash life-line. Belfast company The decision followed the collapse of talks between Daimler-Benz and the Dutch government, which also holds a Fokker stake, on a possible rescue package. On Tuesday night, Fokker said it had successfully

sought court protection from BELFAST-BASED Short Brothers yesterday issued a formal warning its creditors for much of the group, allowing it a breathing space of up to a month during which it would be seeking a rescuer. Short, part of the Canadian

group Bombardier, has been seen, despite denials, as a possible bidder for at least part of Fokker. It supplies wings for Fokker 70 and Fokker 100 jetliners.

The Belfast-based group has held talks with Fokker and said that "subject to confirmation that our exposure will be covered, we will continue wing production for the present, albeit on a slightly reduced schedule, pending further discussions with

Fokker. Trading in Fokker shares resumed on the Amsterdam stock exchange yesterday after a two day suspension. The shares initially tumbled from 6.2 guilders to 1 75 guil-

#### Nottingham dons to deny Chancellor honorary third degree

Nighted Thomas

KENNETH Clarke was never, to Margaret Thatcher's mind, "one of us" and during her reign the two shared little except combative personalities. But today the Chancellor is set to suffer the same fate as the former prime minister, and see his nomination about the need for wage for an honorary degree rebuffed

Eleven years after Oxford dons blocked Mrs Thatcher's candidacy for an honorary doctorate. that the expected wage explosion after the Black Wednesday devaluation of sterling failed to materialise.

Earnings, which never the start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start at Nottingham Trent University — a stone's throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are rebeiling against a start and throw from Mr Clarke's Rushcliffe constituency — are it: "If Oxford can do it to Thatcher, we can certainly

Staff are particularly in-censed at the citation accompanying the award — which has been suggested by the university's vicechancellor, Professor Ray Cowell — commending the Chancellor for "services to

education". One member of the university's academic board said that, given government cuts in higher education spending and the enormous pressure on teaching staff, the suggestion to honour the former education secretary in this way was extraordinary

And further salt was rubbed into Mr Clarke's wounds when the Governor of the Bank of England, Ed-die George — who has been opposing the Chancellor's monetary policy for most of the last year — received, with no fuss, an honorary degree from London Guild-

hall University.
The Chancellor's name was put before the Academic Board of deans and heads of department, which voted 18 to 5 to send the proposal back to the Awards and Titles Committee, which meets again today to discuss the issue. A recent emergency meet ing in the university's law department resulted in a unanimous vote against the proposal, adding to the cellor's name from the list. One law lecturer said: "Everybody is absolutely steaming." The Chancellor already has two law

degrees from Cambridge.



Gown in town ... The Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, collecting his bonorary degree from the Guildhall University. London

### JobCentre pay system 'crackers'

Martyn Halsall and Seumas Milne

■HE pay system in the Employment Service. currently facing the prospect of an escalation of industrial action by low-paid JobCentre staff, is "crackers", according to a confidential internal report, which has been passed to the

Guardian. The 2.5 per cent performance-related pay deal which triggered the dispute was mean and incomprehensible. and management had adopted a damaging "triumphalist tone", according to a brutally

rector for the Employment | ship was meeting to decide Service's senior operations whether to widen regional director. Derek Grover. The memo — written as the

Employment Service was taking court action to halt an initial strike by the Civil and Public Services Association last October - reinforces union claims that discontent among JobCentre and unemployment benefit office staff goes wider than simply pay

At issue are job cuts, casualisation, attacks by claimants and the extra workload created by the introduction of the new Jobseekers' Allowance - as well as the arbitrary implementation of a befrank managment assess-ment, drafted by a regional di-Last might the CPSA leader-my whole career."

and local stoppages into fullscale national industrial action by its 20,000 Employ-

to the Guardian confirm that "ioyalty bonuses" of between £200 and £500 are being paid to strike-breakers. "There is no chance that managers will be able to 'sell'

the Pay Strategy now," Ann le Sage, then the Employment Service's East Midlands and Eastern region director warned Mr Grover last autumn. "The pay offer has demotivated staff more than any-

and "hybrid" for "individuals, their line managers or pay sections to understand". ment Service membership. Other ES documents passed There was a common perception, she said, that the ES had not honoured its pay agree Personnel staff within the ES were facing "a deluge of inquirles" with inadequate

reference material, insufficient time and over-complicated forms.

An ES spokesperson said last night Ms le Sage had identified concerns which were well known within the service and which would be addressed once the dispute

Ms le Sage warned that the

ES pay system was too com-plicated, "individualised"

### Pair found guilty of £2m **Belling pension fund sting** heard that the defendants had spent many years tricking in-dividuals and companies with

WO men who conned the cooker maker Belling Into raiding its pension fund were yesterday found guilty of a series of frauds on leading European companies totalling £13 million. Charles Deacon, 52, a solici-

Staffs, and James Fuller, 56, a salesman, of Kidsgrove, Stoke on-Trent, Staffs, now face up to 14 years in jail. A jury at central London's

Middlesex Crown Court found both Deacon and Fuller guilty of six counts of conspiracy to defraud. Deacon was convicted on two counts of obtaining property by decep-tion. Fuller was also found guilty of deception. Sentence will be passed today.

The jury failed to reach verdicts on the two outstanding deception charges against

During the case, which began last October, the court

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shown a forged letter from Lord Tugendhat, NatWest's deputy chairman, talking about a £750 million "facility the company's directors agreed to the terms: one year's interest payable immediately. OURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

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### **Hopley** back in the frame

Robert Armstrong

AMIAN HOPLEY, dropped for last weekopener against France, has been drafted into England's 30-man training squad from which the team for next week's international against Wales at Twickenham will be

The Wasps centre may add to the three caps he won last year by supplanting Rory Underwood or Jeremy Gus-cott, whose places are under

close scrutiny. Hopley was widely regarded as unfortunate to be left out as unfortunate to be left out for the France game after a couple of positive performances on the right wing against South Africa and Western Samoa before Christmas. A bold decision-maker, poses a threat to Underwood, like will probably replace the lite squad of 21 set up opposed practice situations in next Sunday's session makes a complete recovery from knee and ankle injuries. his willingness to take responsibility may cause the England manager Jack backs' coach, insisted yester-Rowell to reconsider his day that there would be minivalue as a try-scoring three-quarter after an England de-feat in which all 12 points



who will be 33 in June. mai change for the Wales match It seems that the XV who lost 15-12 in Paris are came from the boot of Paul still regarded by the selectors as the strongest team, give or The Bath wing Adedayo take a position. "We have

senior squad are Will Green-wood, the Harlequins utility back who has played at cen-tre, wing and full-back; Alex King, the 21-year-old Bristol University fly-half who has made two England A appearances; Andy Gomarsall, the Wasps and England A scrum-

will probably replace the blind-side Steve Ojomoh, and in the back division the selec-tors may consider two changes in an attempt to de-velop a pattern of play that will yield tries. Phil de Glanville merits serious consideration for one of the midfield positions, and Jonathan Cal-

good reason after the South Africa game, entertains hopes of displacing his out-of-form Bath team-mate Mike Catt.

Bath team-mate Mike Catt.

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### **Dourthe** banned for a

### month

RANCE's Grand Slam chances suffered a set-back yesterday when their young centre Richard Dourthe was banned for 30 days for stamping on the head of England's No. 8 Ben Clarke at the Parc des

Princes last Saturday.

The 21-year-old's ban rules him out of France's next two Five Nations fixtures, against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday work and next technoling.

Murrayheid on Saturday
week and against Ireland in
Paris a formight later.
A French Rugby Federation disciplinary hearing
decided to suspend Dourthe
after viewing video evidence of the incident in the
first half of France's 15-12

For the meeting with France, Scotland will field the side who beat Ireland 16-10 in Dublin last week-end. The only change is on the bench, where Gary Armstrong steps up as replacement scrum-half after an impressive game for Scotland A last Friday.

The Scotland side in-cludes the lock Doddie Weir, who yesterday finally put his signature to a three-year contract with Newcastle Gosforth. He and Arm-strong will be eligible for the season's last four Courage league games.

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### One Man gets go-ahead for Cheltenham

Graham Rock

NE MAN will run in the Pillar Property In-vestments Chase at

vestments Chase at Cheltenham on Saturday following a workout on Gordon Richards's Greystoke gallops yesterday morning.

The Gold Cup favourite has yet to win at Prestbury Park but Richards is confident that the grey will handle the course. "I wouldn't have entered him for the Gold Cup if I didn't think he could cone if I didn't think he could cope with it," he said.
Richards was pleased with the way One Man moved: "I made him work. He went up

the all-weather with another one, then up the hill. I let him come down and then sent him up the all-weather gallop again. He's fine, but the weather is turning cold and I just hope it's all worth it."

The Cotswolds will be among the coldest areas of Britain over the next 48 hours. Occasional light snow showers are expected, with overnight temperatures fall-ing to 3C. "If the forecast is accurate, I am quietly confi-dent we will race," said Philip Arkwright, clerk of the

course.
Life Of A Lord is a confirmed non-runner and Monsieur Le Cure requires rain to soften the ground before joining Saturday's field. One Man could face only four oppo-nents, but they include the

Irish National winner Flash-ing Steel. Barton Bank, Young Hustler and Willsford complete the field.

Royal Athlete is among 82 entries for the Martell Grand National and last season's hero is on course for the big

Scottish National two weeks after his triumph. Mark Pitman, assistant to his mother. Jenny, said that Royal Athlete's campaign this season had been geared towards the National. "He is coming along steadily and hopefully he will have one or possibly two runs before Aintree. But we won't

rush him."
The stable had six runners last year and has entered five this time, including Satur-day's Haydock runner-up Smith's Band, described by Mark Pitman as, "an improv-ing horse who has done abso-lutely nothing wrong this sea-son. He jumps and stays and looks the ideal National

horse."
Party Politics, successful in 1992 and runner up last sea-son, is among the entries, together with Over The Deel, third last year, and Minne-homa, the winner two years

ago. Of the first 10 home last April only Dubacilla and Romany King are missing from the 1996 entry.

Betting prior to the publica-tion of the weights on Febru-ary 6 is strictly for the lottery-minded. Master Oats, Jodanii and Dublin Flyer are all being prepared for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, which is run just 16 days before the National this

Jodami is on course for his bid to win the the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopard-stown for the fourth year run-

ning. Peter Beaumont, his trainer, reported that the 1993 Gold Cup winner schooled over six fences with Mark Dwyer yesterday, and has fully recovered from a throat infection. Jodami may find it race at Aintree on March 30. harder this time, with Master He has not been seen out Oats expected to line up since being pulled up in the against him on Sunday week.

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Coca-Cola Cup, quarter-final replay Birmingham City 2, Norwich City 1

### Daish buzz supplies **Blues bottle**

Wartin Thorpe

GOAL a minute from time from Liam Daish put 10-man Birmingham City into the semi-final of the cup at St Andrews last night. The captain rose at a corner and headed the ball past the unbewith Leeds United.

It is never over until the fat man shoots and Jan Molby's equalising goal for Norwich 12 minutes from time seemed destined to take the match

The tubby midfielder, on loan from Liverpool, unleashed a 25-yard drive which bent inside the right-hand post leaving the goalkeeper Gremienk no chance.

Barry Fry went into the game demanding more bottle from his players, and he was not talking about increasing the milk order. His team had taken just nine points from 30 in the League and were knocked out of the FA Cup by their local rivals Wolves

It was the search for bottle which no doubt lay behind Fry's £500,000 bid yesterday for Wimbledon's uncompromising midfielder Vinnie Jones. Birmingham had also revived their interest in Everton's Vinny Samways, though the Merseyside club rejected a £1 million offer on Monday. Not that Norwich's recent form has been any better, with just one win in their last 11 games, that coming in the four matches since Gary Meg-

son returned as manager. Last Saturday they lost at home to lowly Luton, not the st preparation for this crucial replay following the 1-1 draw at Carrow Road.

Norwich had the defender Newsome and midfielder Crook missing through in-jury, though the equally highly rated Eadie had shrueged off a thigh problem to make the starting line-up. The Birmingham full-back Poole was back after injury but Tait dropped to the bench

Saturday's defeat by Norwich's neighbours Ipswich. Norwich could, indeed should, have been 3-0 ahead after just 16 minutes. with Birmingham's charitable defending gifting chances that the Canaries somehow failed to convert.

First Fleck, unmarked, wastefully shot over from close range, then in a similarly threatening position produced a half-hearted shot allowing the goalkeeper to save with his legs. The full-back Bowen completed an un-wanted hat-trick by also shooting half-heartedly at Gremienk when unmarked on

inswinging corner gratefully pushed out by Gunn, who then produced a stunning save to divert Forsyth's close range shot on the turn.

The home side kept their

and in a central position, and in a central position, drilled a wonderful pass out to Jason Bowen on the left, whose run cleverly evaded the Norwich offside trap.

The little winger, who had only just come on as a half-time substitute took the half

time substitute, took the ball in his stride and looped it per-fectly over the advancing Gunn for the opening goal. Norwich bounced back.

chance when Birmingham were reduced to 10 men. Poole got his marching orders on 67 minutes for his second bookable offence, a deliberate handball intercepting a Molby pass. In the first half he had been booked for a foul

#### Friendly international

Italy 3, Wales 0

### Walton has an ankle injury and may not be fit. His captain Dean "Dino" Spink has everywhere divided. Alin the rain

Martin Linton in Terni

ALES were put to the sword by Arrigo Sacchi's youthful Italian squad in the rain last night, with only Neville Southall, in the visitors' goal, and some poor finishing preventing a

heavier defeat. Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, experimented with a new system which saw Not-tingham Forest's David Phillips playing sweeper and Kit Symons having a screening role in front of Adrian Wil-

liams and Chris Coleman. But Wales barely had time to get used to the tactical for-mation when they found themselves a goal down in 80 seconds through Alessandro Del Piero, the rising star of

Serie A. He converted a cross from Angelo Di Livio, his left-foot shot deflecting off the body of Southall, who was extending his Wales record last night to

Southall was always assured of a busy night and soon had to make smart saves from Robert Di Matteo and Gianfranco Zola.

Italy scored a deserved second five minutes after half-time. The substitute Moreno Torrichelli played the ball in to Fabrizio Ravanelli,

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who had his back to goal and Kit Symons in close atten-dance. The Wales defender was left helpless, however, as the grey-haired striker turned sweetly and thumped home a left-foot shot which even Southall could do nothing about.

Del Piero then missed three glaring chances as Italy's dominance grew in the second half. A third goal came when the substitute Pierluigi Casiraghi scored from close range 13 minutes from the end.—PA

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· Ahmed El Kass, one of the outstanding strikers at the African Nations' Cup, scored the goal that gave Egypt a 1-0 win over South Africa in Jo-hannesburg yesterday and knocked Cameroon out of the contest. Cameroon, needing a win to qualify from the group. recovered from 3-1 down but only drew 3-3 with Angola in

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The Zaire coach Muhsin Ertugal and several of his players have quit the national team on the eve of their Group C match against Liberia in Johannesburg. Ertugal resigned in protest at interference from the minister of sport and president of the Zairlan FA. He said some of the team's European-based players were also refusing to play as they had not been paid.



the left of the area. The Blues hit back with an

momentum going after the break and took just eight minutes to make Norwich pay for their earlier lapses.

Castle, about 40 yards out

with Gremienk needing two attempts to bring Fleck's 25-yard piledriver under control. Then they were given every

Town manager entirely co operative tomorrow when they film the coracle that rescues sliced clearances from the Severn and search for evidence of half-timber-

a broken foot that will keep him out on Saturday. His

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gest game in their recent history. but Fred Davies

NJURIES may have also damaged an ankle. Yet though Davies, a former Davies is laughing.

"Til keep a few spare goalkeeper, claims an Everton allegiance, four balls in the dug-out," he story, but Fred Davies says. "If they don't let us will be coming to the game have a touch. I'll throw one on for our lads to play with."

uncommonly relaxed mood before Saturday's fourth-round tie

Liverpool are coming. Gay Meadow is under siege from reporters, but Davies He will not be burdening remains at ease. He keeps interviews light, eschewing his team with unrealistic expectations. In his Zenany talk of his side's like perspective the Liverstrengths or strategies. BBC's Football Focus crew pool tie represents a wel-come break in the Second Division routine and the important game comes next Wednesday, when Hereford United turn up for the Auto Windscreens Trophy southern regional semi-final.

His top scorer Darren "Clotted" Rowbotham has broken foot that mill are the more than the fender. "But the more than the fender. "But the more than the fender." to Wembley.

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to cheer on Liverpool. Whiston went to school in

Enjoying the weight . . . Davies and Whiston refuse to take things too seriously during weight training at Lilleshall Photograph. MICHAEL STEELE

Liverpool bring gaiety to the Meadow



EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Blackpool: Minth qualitying round: a Burnett (Scot: b) G Marghitzay (Scot D-1. J Michie [Eng) b) D Finbow (Eng 10-5 N Terry (Eng) b) S Marphy (Eng.

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**Fixtures** 

Rugby League

Soccer

more, who spent time at Stafford Rangers, and Rob-bie Fowler, whose dad played for Valencia in the Liverpool Sunday League, may be interested to know that they are up against a defender who used to turn out for the Pig's Nose, But they ought not to be

in him. He was apprenticed as an electronics engineer

and did not turn professional until he was 21, when Plymouth Argyle

took him on. Stan Colly-

fooled. The amiable bump-kins can play a bit, as they have proved this season in rising from last to fifth place in the Second Division. In 24 games they suffered only one defeat.

An injury may have

fractured his collarbone in October. Davies was des-Scott, came together in cen- to play against them."

S HATS continue to be thrown into the Irish ring — but not always by their owners — three offi-

cials of the Football Associa-

tion of Ireland began interviews yesterday to find Jack

Charlton's successor as man-ager of the Republic.

Mick McCartly, Joe Kin-

near and Dave Bassett are seri-ous contenders, while Liam Brady and Mike Walker have had informal talks about the

vacancy and Southend Unit-ed's manager Ronnie Whelan is also expected to discuss it.

Ron Atkinson, whose name is the latest to be tossed in, is

about as likely to succeed as

Whelan added

to Republic list

Robert Pryce finds Fred Davies and his Shrewsbury charges in | Walton but no Merseyside | tral midfield to such effect that Shrewsbury won their

next eight games. And the Pig's Nose also helped transform them into something resembling a silk purse. Whiston has played 23 games since arriving from Southampton in September and has been on the losing side only twice. "He's made a big difference," says Davies.

Whiston plays the left side of the central pairing, which means that he will probably be up against Collymore for most of the keep near one of them I'll be happy," he says. He is laughing too.

In his perspective, there is no reason to be nervous. "I'm not really worried, to be honest," Whiston says. "Ill enjoy it and maybe

give them a surprise.
"Loads of my mates will be coming down and any when two 21-year-olds. pool; if you can't play for Paul Evans and Richard them, the next best thing is

one who could rear six chil

dren could manage a football team blindfold and with one

Another applicant, Big Mick from Dublin, renewed

the offer he made 10 years

ago, when the FAI preferred Charlton. "On the pitch I

have devised an innovative strategy." he declared. "In each game we will score more

goals than the other team." He added that despite the

handicap of being born in the Republic he felt just as Irish as Johan Cruyff or Kenny

Dalglish, whom the FAI is

is made by Louis Kilcoyne, the president, Michael Hy-

land, the vice-president, and Sean Connolly, the chief exec-utive, the FAI will take no de-

Whatever recommendation

known to have wanted.

### Keegan returns hopeful of deal

lan Ross

returned from italy to the chill of a North-east winter yesterday confident that Faustino Asprilla will follow him some time next

After 48 hours of hard bargaining the Newcastle United manager believes he has done enough - both financially and personally — to convince the Colombian striker that he should swap Parma for St James Park.
The clubs have agreed a fee

of £6.7 million and Asprilla is believed to have accepted gen-erous personal terms which would not him about £15,000 a week. But a three-year contract remains unsign

Asprilla was yesterday will-ing to discuss the prospect of life with the Premiership champions-elect, even if he was reluctant to complete the biggest transfer deal in New-castle's history.
"It would be a challenge

playing in England," said the 26-year-old. "The prospect of taking part in the European

Old romantic that he is, Asprills may well decide to make one last appearance before the Parma faithful before heading for Tune ide.

heading for Tyneside. Liverpool's Stan Collymore became a two-time loser yes-terday when he was again told he was not entitled to a five-per-cent cut of the £8.5 million that Nottingham Forest received last summer

when he moved to Anfield.
A Football League appeals committee rejected the striker's claim to a £425,000 pay-out and upheld the ruling made by a Premier League board last month.

Collymore, who maintains he did not engineer his move from the City Ground, may now consider pursuing his claim through the civil

Jürgen Klinsmann may need a knee-cartilage opera-tion after being injured in a friendly against Cagliari during Bayern Munich's winter break in Italy. The World Cup and former Spurs striker flew back to Munich and may miss the restart to the German

Mark Hughes will start a five-match ban with Chelsea's FA Cup tie at Queens Park Rangers on Monday after the referee Robbie Hart, having consulted video evidence, for allegedly stamping on

#### Boxing

#### **Bowe leaves Lewis back** in the cold

Jack Massarik

ENNOX LEWIS versus Riddick Bowe, the heavyweight match that merits a "By Public Demand" billing, has been shelved. Their much-delayed fight on April 20 has been abandoned be-cause Bowe and his manager Rock Newman are in dispute with the American cable net-

with the American cable net-work Home Box Office.

Such was the impetus to make this fight that in early negotiations both camps declared that there was no need for any title to be at stake. It is a blow to Britain's Lewis, whose career is in limbo, that the showdown between two fighters considered the best of

Ilgners considered the best of a largely mediocre division may never happen.

Their rivalry goes back a long way, to 1988 when Lewis, then representing Canada, stopped Bowe of the United States in the second round of the Olympic superheavyweight final in Seoul.

Lewis became WBC cham. Lewis became WBC champion by default in 1992 when

Bowe surrendered this ver-sion of his three titles rather than fight him. A Lewis-Bowe tran right nim. A Lewis-Bowe deal took years to come to the table. By 1994 £20.7 million was on it, but that September Lewis's warm-up fight went horribly wrong when he was caught cold by Oliver McCall. Lewis won three comeback fights but could only watch as Frank Bruno, whom he had beaten, dethroned McCall and agreed a big-money defence against Mike Tyson in March. Now everybody is heading for the airport. Lewis's pro-moter Panos Eliades takes Concorde to New York today to meet Lewis and HBO's chief Seth Abraham, while Lewis breaks his holiday in

Jamaica to select a new oppo-nent from HBO's list of 20, "People like Ray Mercer.
Corrie Sanders and Joe Hipp
are available." said Eliades.
"It's bad for boxing really, but Lennox was anticipating it. He's training for Bowe, Tyson or the WBC champion. One of them will happen one day.

### Cricket

#### **Boon announces retirement** as Australia strive for peace

George Best or several dozen land, the vice-president, more among the 70 applicants. They include a mother of six who wrote to the FAI cision before next month.

Proteo commandos have been made responsible for players' security during the for World Cup matches to be played in Sr. Lanks. They will decord crickettes, check specialors and quard the ground, the weekly Midwech Murror reported. The bad feeling believes the Australian players and the Sr. Lankans will not be reflected in the western the Australians will not seen the feeling to the Sr. Lankans will not be reflected in the western the Australians. ternational retirement yesterday but will continue to play for his state. Tasmania, for dropped from Australia's limited-overs team late last year and has not been named in

will receive believe their game on February 17 the Sri Lantan Cricket Board's president Aus Punchinews claimed. The pub-· Adam Rushwood rounded of the Shel-• Adam Pucksood rounded of the Sheheld World Cup meet with a four-sh lest male to setting a now British 200 metre backstoke record and giving his Glympic ptipastion; a surprise boost. The Commonwoalth champion won in limit 56 Olgor to cut 0.419ec of the British record he set in the same Ponds Forge pool a year ago.

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DAVID BOON, the right-handed batsman who has played 106 Tests and made 21 centuries for Australia, be-Meanwhile Sri Lanka have gins his last in Adelaide today, the third against Sri

Boon, 35, announced his inanother two seasons. He was

the squad for the World Cup. "It was a decision I made about six weeks ago after discussing it with my wife and family," said Boon. "I loved every single moment of my Australian career and it will be difficult adjusting to life

Test scoring list, Boon's Test | overs series on Sunday.

given a muted response to calls for a truce by the captain of Australia, Mark Taylor. Sri Lanka's tour, dogged by ball-tempering allegations and controversy over the action of the spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, was marred further at the weekend by an ill-tempered World Series final. "It is up to them, it is not up to us," said Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka

captain. in Auckland, Zimbabwe's batsmen failed to mount a serious challenge as the second Test against New Zealand dwindled to a draw.

The tourists, set 367 to win, batted out the final day with-His 7.344 runs put him second behind the former captain Allan Border (11.174 series drawn at 0-0. The sides runs) in Australia's all-time begin a three-match limited-



THEATRE LOSIGN

Rugby League

In-out

Paul Fitzpatrick

coach arrived yester-day, another was leav-ing. Shaun McRae was ush-

ered in at St Helens; Gary

Grienke parted company with the London Broncos, claiming

press conference at Knowsley Road while Grienke, ap-

pointed coach 18 months ago when the Brisbane Broncos

took over the London Crusaders, was describing his dis-

missal as "a bit of a shock".

Grienke on a new contract. But the coach insisted that he

If Grienke's fate was sealed

by results, he can consider

himself desperately unlucky.

This season London finished second bottom of the Cente-

nary Championship with seven wins from 20 games but

Grienke was without many of

his best players at the start of the season and at the end.

the club in a better state than

of John Dorahy at Warring-

departure reduced the figure

packed with Australian play-

ers, may now buck the trend and turn to a British coach.

Hughes and Clive Griffiths, the Welshman overlooked for the Warrington job, both offer

excellent credentials, but

there is little doubt that the

Broncos will consider other

candidates as well.

1994.

had been sacked.

### Agassi goes for miracle finish

The Guardian Thursday January 25 1996

the way you finish a match that matters.
That, it seems, is Andre Agassi's philosophy. Having trailed by a set in three of his previous matches. the unconventional American clawed his way back from a

two-set deficit to defeat Jim Courier 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 here at Flinders Park yesterday and reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open. "I didn't have too many op-tions. In the men's game today, when you are down two sets and a break it's time either for a miracle or for me to get off the court," said the defending champion. "I went

for the miracle. His triumph not only marked his first victory over

Courier in seven attempts since 1990 but also restored him to the No. 1 ranking he had surrendered to Pete Sam pras in September.

Boris Becker again profited from the closure of the stadium roof; another storm had struck the city, and Becker served up an indoor 28-ace equivalent as he put the young Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov to the sword 6-4, 7-6, 6-1. "But the land of the sword 6-4, 7-6, 6-1." I think he was caught off guard even more by my strokes from the back," said the German.

Becker, whose most recent of five Grand Slam titles was won here in 1991, now faces the left-hander Mark Wood-forde, the first Australian to Cash in 1988, after the 30-year-old outmanoeuvred Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, the No. 7 seed, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
"I served exceptionally well

[16 aces] and that was so important for me," said Woodforde. In fact he gave the Swede a lesson in craftsmanship as he made his way into his first big semi-final at the

38th attempt.
Agassi's semi-final opponent will be Michael Chang, whom he has beaten in all three Grand Slam matches in which they have clashed. tennis he is not over-enam-oured of the No. 5 seed's unwillingness to play for the United States in Davis Cup competition and has said so

After Chang had declined last spring to make himself



Becker . . . awesome best

commented: "No doubt be was in Asia making another million or two." That might add a touch of needle.

Agassi put his slow start down to a lack of match prac-tice. Since losing in the US Open final, a defeat which cost him the No. 1 ranking, he had played only three competitive matches before arriving in Australia, owing to a persistent chest injury.
Against what looked very

much like the old Courier his backhand was deadly -Agassi was both slow and inaccurate as his opponent increasingly imposed his au-thority to win the first set tiebreak after denying the title holder the lead five points earlier.

more emphatic, and when Courier broke to love at the start of the third it looked all over. Only then, when on the brink, did Agassi dig in his

Once he turned the match around - and towards the end he made Courier look almost ordinary — he felt he began playing like a No. 1. Winning from two sets down in the early rounds to a player ranked 100 or so was one thing, "but when you are in that position against a great player like Jim, you're not thinking about anything except not being embarrassed".
As Agassi's game grew no-

unctuated the opening 90 minutes just melted away. Courier, who had called the tune relentlessly, was gradu-ally forced on to the back foot

From 3-4 in the fourth set Agassi won seven successive go 4-0 ahead in the fifth. "He came on very strongly." said Courier. "I think I maybe let him play better than I should have, but he didn't make many mistakes. He played very well those last three sets and came up with the shots when he needed them. My hat's off to him."

Compared with Chang's 813hour straight-sets jaunt — the most impressive run to the semi-finals of any of the sur-vivors — Agassi has endured the equivalent of an assault course. Yet it may have given him exactly the preparation he will need to face an opponent brimming with

He issued a clear warning to Chang. "Today's match was the closest I have been to playing to the level I feel I can play. It's the best tennis I've put together here." Becker was at his awesome

best, giving Kafelnikov — who had boasted that his name would be on the trophy - a lesson in controlled aggression. The German backed his serve with a brilliant vol-leying display and never once faced a break point in the 112-

"Maybe I was too confident," Kafelnikov conceded, "If they play the last two matches with the roof closed Boris will win it for sure. between a good player and a



Glossy finish . . . Agassi regained the world No. 1 ranking with yesterday's win over Courier PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE HOLLAND

### Tetchy Hingis goes out like a prima donna

David Irvine sees the 15-year-old prodigy | keep the concentration you | her peers have no doubts | players as say Jennifer need for two weeks," she | about that. Monica Seles is | Capriati. Andrea Jaeger,

one commentator's de-

"HERE was nothing amanda Coetzer. She "sweet and demure" — one commentator's deliption — about Martina ngis as she falled to edly tetchy 15-year-old, every bit the embryo prima donna, who finally bowed to the tiny South African's

said. "This is only the second time I've made it

rather than Coetzer won. Almost 75 per cent of the winner's points came from her opponent's unforced errors. Hingis could never cope with a nasty swirling non-stop challenge. wind or her opponent's per-"It's really difficult to sistence. In time she will,

"amazed" at the young-ster's maturity and Coetzer

She is no automaton: her

Capriati, Andrea Jaeger, Tracy Austin or Seles were

many believe it is only a matter of time before she strikes.

contemporaries possess a yet played, already views better drop-shot or drive her as "one of the smartest volley, but she is not as players out there". And said Maranta. "We will not dangerous to the leading that's the No. 1 talking.

#### Among them could be Brian Johnson, who spent eight believes that the adult Hin-In 16 tournaments she years at Warrington before into the second week of a Grand Slam." It was a match Hingis lost gis will be "a strong force in the game". has reached only one final, on clay in Hamburg, but resigning this month, his fellow Australian Ross Strudwick, who was London's

self-destruct against Amanda Coetzer

scription — about Martina Hingis as she failed to reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open singles. Losing burt, and it available for the clay-court tie ticeably more aggressive, the showed, as the Swiss prod-with Italy in Palermo, Agassi forehand errors that had igy went out 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 to

game is full of variety and driven by a sense of adven-

at the same age.

Seles, whom she has not

#### rush into anything." For Sunday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie at Dewsbury, a

coach from 1989 to 1993, and

Tony Gordon, a Kiwi who

made way for Grienke in May

"This is a major decision,"

game the Broncos should win comfortably, three players — Terry Matterson, Kevin Langer and the articulate
Tony Rae — will be in charge.

The Wales team manager
Mike Nicholas said yesterday
that the prospect of a Welsh under pressure in the first period. Rob Thompson should have given them the lead before Glies put away their first corner after 17 minutes.

Spain had the skill up front to trouble the fine British defence but Mean a deflection put Garcia in possession on the penalty spot; he shot weakly, but not when Mason presented him with a second chance. day that an application for membership had been received but "Mike might have difficulty getting things in place in the time available".

Nicholas, however, says that he has had discussions with potential backers. He added: "We hope to get a team ready for 1996, though obviously there is still a lot of

#### Sport in brief

Athletics Saily Gunnell hopes to run the 400 metres at the AAA Indoor Championships at the

Birmingham NIA on February 34, which would be her first race in Britain for nearly 18 months after heel surgery. Sandor Ibaros, the Hungarian who set 11 middle-dis-tance world records in seven events in 1955 and 1956, has

died in Budapest aged 65. Cricket

Boxing

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England are poised for an innings victory against Zimba-bwe in Harare after declaring

two, 284 behind.

Basketball Roy Jones has turned his back on the London Towers.

hack on the London Towers.
The IBF super-middleweight champion has instead signed for the Florida Beachdogs, a team in the minor-league Continental Basketball Association, as a conditioning coach with the possibility of becoming a player.

Carl Lewis, a 47-year-old functial advisor from Merthyr, beat the home favourite Mike Morgan 7-1.
7-6 in Llanelli yesterday to reach the final of the CIS Insurance Welsh indoor singles championship.

ice Hockey

Nottingham Panthers will not at 344 for seven on the second lose the point gained in last Cup selector, has taken or day of the second under-19 Sunday's 4-4 draw with Fife, from Geoff Marks as preside Test. David Nash (65 not out) writes Vic Batchelder. The of the English Golf Union.

and David Sales (50) top-scored for England. Zimba-bwe finished the day on 13 for disciplinary record had led to reports that the defenceman should have been serving a one-game suspension.

Bowls

Golf

Basil Steer, the former Walker Cup selector, has taken over from Geoff Marks as president

Hockey

### **Britain tighten draw-string**

Pat Rowley in Barcelona

NCE again Britain led a game, only to let their opponents draw level and even threaten to snatch a winner in the last seconds.
Their 2-2 draw with Spain

made the hosts leaders of the

for the Dutch with unstoppa-ble high flick-shots which took him past 100 internatook him past 100 interna-tional goals. Netherlands' five-goal margin put them in top place on goal difference, yet Britain, despite their three draws here, are only a point adrift and a win against the Dutch today mide. the Dutch today might see

them go top.

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**England** send for Sampson of the sixth form

David Hopps on the schoolboy asked by his country to do extra games

HERE is hardly a schoolboy in the land who would not have deemed it a wind-up if he had strolled out of a classroom to learn that he had been called up by England. But Paul Sampson, dumb-founded as he was, had no doubts. "I had to believe it, the headmaster told me, he said. "The last person you expect to wind you up is a headmaster."

Sampson will not play against Wales in England's next match on Saturday week, barring a spate of ac-cidents among the nation's wings, but his presence in a 30-man training squad star-tled a grey and dormant. Yorkshire morning into life. An 18-year-old sixth-for-mer at Woodhouse Grove,

nestling between Leeds and Bradford, Sampson is cap-tain of the school XV. His experience of senior rugby amounts to half a dozen games with League Three Otley, beginning with a pastoral debut against Upper Wharfedale.

"Next season I'm looking for first-XV rugby in the First Division," he said. Bath, Wasps and Leicester are jostling for his favours and that could mean the offer of a university scholarship if he passes his A-levels this year.



Gee whiz . . . Paul Sampson contemplates his future with Carling and the lads outside Woodhouse Grove school yesterday

until now allegiances have always been with league rather than union. His cousin Dean, the Castleford prop, is an England inter-national; uncle Malcolm played on the wing for Wakefield Trinity in the 1963 cup final; and uncle David is a former Castle-

His father Brian, a league amateur in his playing days, is now a "union convert". Some evenings, even at 62, he prods Paul into a

tent rugby stock, although | walk up the road to Thack- | young man with incredible ley Football Club, where he shows him a few swerves and sidesteps. "I never knew he could still run 20 yards until I saw those. said Sampson. "He is still a big influence."
So too is Nigel Melville, his coach at Otley and a for-

mer England captain who was also first called up as a teenager. "It will not be an ordeal for him to train alongside the likes of Carling and Guscott." Melville said. "He is a very confident

pace and talent. He scored four tries from full-back I believe that is his best position His dad still chuckles at

the memory. "He forgot his gumshield so I went back into the dressing room to get it," he said. "By the time I got back he'd just run 70 yards for the first try." When it comes to "fast-tracking" selections, no

one is more suited to the de-scription than Sampson. He

10.7sec, which makes him the fastest man in the Eng-Yorkshire junior men's champion over 100m and 200m. Roger Howard, the school's rugby master, is adamant: "I've never seen a boy so fast on the rugby field. He takes your breath

away."

Last Sunday was strenuous even for such a sportsorientated family. After weekend training with Eng-

| has run 100 metres in | hampton, a rapid drive to Sheffield enabled Sampson to compete in the Northern Counties Sprint Championships, where he won the 60m final in a record

"I've always cleaned his boots for him," said Brian. 'I used to do it to save money; otherwise his boots would have just rotted. Next time I'll do it out of pride. I might even polish

### Mood-swings that torment the pros



HAT makes affable Ernie Els suddenly with such force that it cracks in two against his golf bag? What prompts the popular Scot Colin Montgomerie, in the middle of the Johnnie Walker World Cham-pionship in idyllic Tryall. to utter the F-word? What causes the Open champion John Daly, playing there in 1991, rabidly to bend his putter out of shape? And what compels four amateurs, mid-swing on the fairways of Camberley Heath, to smash a car windscreen and lambast the driver

with their clubs? Golf. A balmy game to drive you barmy. In 1927, Dr Theo Hyslop, an "alienist" (psychi-atrist) working at "Bethlem" hospital in London, noted in his Mental Handicaps in Golf: "The 'insanity of doubt' may in golfers attain to such sever ity as to warrant the diagnosis of 'cerebral pruritus' or 'mental itch'... The mental stance is affected by pros and cons, until a mental 'wiggle-waggle' manifests itself by physical readjustments or grotesque

lourishes." Dr Hyslop advised golfers to cultivate "automatism" and not ruin performance by too much thinking. Unfortu nately, since even a brisk proessional golfer takes 16 hours to complete 72 holes, and since be spends a mere 715 minutes hitting the ball, he has 15 hours 521/4 minutes in which to

O THE amateur, golf is addictive, an adorable the professionals, some of whom begin a new Volvo European Tour in Singapore today, see the sport from the inside. They know its hidden depths as a stress experiment. and the spectacle of some of golf's former high-fliers in torment should perhaps arouse

our suspicions concerning this "innocent" pastime. Nick Faldo, struggling on the practice green last October with a plastic bottle stuffed under his arm to steady his elbow; Ben Hogan, "tight as a banjo string" in the Fifties, paralysed for so long over his putter that even his caddle couldn't look at him: Bernhard Langer in the Eighties,

reversing his hands on the putter to control his agonising twitches and "yips". Tony Jacklin, falling from grace in 1974, haunted by nightmares about being trapped in an enormous sink and putting in the plughole. Golf rattles its finest play

ers. Some say they "can't find enough rest rooms out there" because it affects their digestion. Those heroes of yester-year, Henry Cotton and Bobby Jones, both suffered disabling stomach cramps. Big hitters find putting tense and humiliating because "it ought to be so easy". They step away, suffer spasms and distort themselves into strange shapes. Others endure the long-game misery of "shanking". Others throw clubs, or fits. Still others get to the last hole with a big lead and then "take the gas" — become wobbly and incompetent from nerves. No body is immune. Even Arnold Palmer once accused himself

of fear of winning. But why should golf unglue a fellow? Ostensibly there is nothing to fear on a golf course. It is just a tract of land with a few humps and hollows, where people can amuse themselves in the fresh air. Why then is it laid out in such a way? Why does the designer lengthen it to counter long hitters, and place obstacles where they will cause split decisions? Why does he devise ways to make the golfer think left when he should be thinking right, backwards when he should think forwards? Why does he build a bunker or hypnotic ponds? In order to mobilise fear.

HE psychiatrist Dr David Morley, author of Golf and the Mind, observes that this "game" appears sometimes to be a conspiracy to drive players mad: "Hazards on the golf course are a rich source of precipitate anxiety in all but the most expert golfers, and water, with all its regressive implications, has a strange way of mobilising tension.

Bunkers like those called "Hell" are meant to frighten Bobby Jones said of the Road Hole at St Andrews that it was one of the most terrifying experiences the game has to offer". Not just a hole: a terri-

fying experience.

Like the great allegories of literature, the golf course is a journey through a man's own mind, encountering his demons and doubts as he comes to the different parts of the course designed to trigger them off. He must look panic in the eye, and whistle. If he cannot do that, the bunkers will get him, or the slippery greens, or the Road Hole or "the gas" on the 18th.

### Howe backs the Robson cause

David Lacev

RYAN ROBSON was yesterday nominated by Don Howe, his felas the best man to succeed Terry Venables after the European Championship. Robson may feel he needs more managerial experience. but Howe believes the former

England captain already has the right qualities to take over the squad for the 1998

World Cup qualifiers.
"I think Bryan should get the job," said Howe, who like Robson was recruited for the England coaching staff when Venables succeeded Graham Taylor two years ago. "I've got a feeling the Football Association thinks he should get the job, too.

"It's up to the lad himself. I know Terry has said it should be an older man's job, a job for someone more experi-enced, but I don't think so. Franz Beckenbauer wasn't that old when he took over the German team, was he?"

The 60-year-old Howe, who won 23 England caps as a right-back in the late Fifties and coached Arsenal to the League and FA Cup double in

1971, is the most experienced member of Venables's back-room staff for Euro '96. He was Ron Greenwood's

England assistant for the 1982 World Cup and Bobby Rob-son's No. 2 for the World Cups of 1986 and 1992 as well as the 1988 European Champion-ship, standing down when Taylor took over.

A growing number of people, including some within the FA, believe that if the firm of Robson and Howe was good enough to take England to the World Cup semi-finals six years ago, then the part-nership of Howe and Robson. young Mr Bryan that is, would be the ideal combina-

tion for 1998.

Bryan Robson, who won 90 England caps and was denied at least another 25 by inju-ries, is 39 and has been manseason and a half.

He has not ruled himself out as an England candidate for the future but for the moment feels he is still learning the job at club level.

Nevertheless Howe feels Robson would have no prob-lems taking over from Venables in time for the first World Cup qualifier in Moldova on September 1.

Bryan is a deep thinker and he has the respect of the players," he said at Bisham Abbey yesterday as England completed the first of the two three-day training sessions fore Bulgaria visit Wembley in March for a warm-up

"They love him. They admired him as an ex-international who did ever so well, and now they admire him as a manager. You can't have any-thing better than that. "Bryan as an international

got to be right up with

things." Should Robson change his mind and get the job, Howe would still be a willing assistant. He wants nothing more has had a heart bypass operation.
"The position I've got now

is good enough for me," Howe insisted yesterday. "I'm happy doing what I'm doing. I love it out there.
"I'd love to stay on and help Bryan if he wanted me, but that would be up to him. The new man may want his own

staff, we understand that

That's the came. "However, it would be a shame to let the work of the last two years go to waste. It's last two years go to waste. It's been terrific work under Terry, so well constructed is the work out there. The players love it, and the way he gets on with things.

"The spirit's as good as it was with Bobby Robson." Howe added. "He created a terrific spirit. That's why we did so well in Italy."

did so well in Italy. Yesterday Taylor not only nominated Nottingham Forest's Frank Clark as his choice for national coach but said in a newspaper article that Venables had been badly advised over the World Cup qualifying dates because Eng-land will be away to Italy in

the last game. Venables responded that the alternative would have been to travel to Italy in February 1997, rather than October, which would have meant England playing three of their first four qualifying matches away.

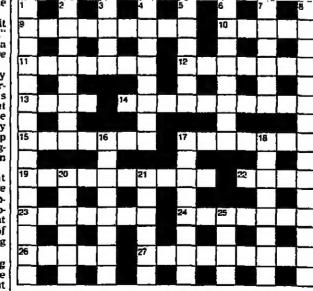
He also felt that playing Moldova, potentially the weakest team in the group, at Wembley in the penultimate coach? No problem. And at this level, tactically. you've got to be on the ball all the time. You've got to watch like Italy home and away," he what is going on both in this | concluded.



Howe ... praises co-coach

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5 Ship's movement with 25

6 Moving rendition of prison band (8) 7 Without a little smile face is gloomy (6)

8 They illuminate obscure channels in trees (7,8)



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17 Ordered a wet sort of pudding or sweet (5-3)

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